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HAYNES LIBEL ACTION FAILS.

DESCRIBED AS MAKING LOT OUT OF LITTLE.

"CHINA MAIL" HEADINGS ALLEGED TO BE MALICIOUS.

"FIGHTING KAISERISM."

For the first time for many years a libel action against a local newspaper was heard at the Supreme Court before Mr. Justice Wood this morning, when Mr. L. E. Haynes sued Mr. G. W. C. Burnett, managing editor of the *China Mail*, for \$1,000 damages.

The action was brought in respect of the use of the words "Haynes Discharged" in the *China Mail* and on its poster, incidental to the recent case in which Mr. Haynes was prosecuted by the Hongkong Law Society.

The plaintiff asserted that the words complained of were a misstatement of fact, a deliberate and malicious act, perpetrated by the defendant for the purpose of doing harm to plaintiff, and that they conveyed the impression to the public that the plaintiff had been dismissed from his employment.

Mr. Haynes said he was not bringing the action for pecuniary gain, but was combatting what he described as "Kaiserism."

Mr. Justice Wood held there was no case to answer and dismissed the action with costs.

MR. HAYNES OUTLINES CAREER.

Mr. Haynes appeared in person authorities he liked, added that he and Mr. C. G. Alabaster, K.C., in would leave the question of law structured by Mr. Arculli, was for the present, remarking that Mr. Burnett.

Prior to opening his case, Mr. Haynes to submit that the particular Haynes informed his Lordship that circumstances which concerned he (Mr. Haynes) was troubled himself made the action all the with a cough which he hoped his more serious.

Lordship would excuse. He explained that he had been in bed for two days and was going into hospital after the conclusion of the case.

No Ill-Feeling.

Mr. Haynes went on to say that the action was for damages for libel. It was, he believed, in such cases usual for a certain amount of ill-feeling to be introduced, but he wished to say, as far as he was concerned, that he would take every care to avoid such an atmosphere. He was not seeking a pecuniary reward as a result of bringing the action; he had nothing such as that in mind. What he would later say would support that statement. He had not even asked for a jury. Mr. Haynes added that he had subpoenaed the defendant for the purpose of producing certain copies of his paper.

After remarking that there were certain subpoenas on the record, his Lordship remarked that they wanted a copy of the *Hongkong Daily Press* for February 9th, 1928.

Mr. O. T. Brakespear, who was in Court, said he had been subpoenaed to bring that copy, and he produced it.

Mr. Haynes, in reply to his Lordship, said he would require Mr. Brakespear for other purposes as well.

After correspondence had been referred to as being required in the case, his Lordship remarked that copies of the *China Mail* for February 8th, February 17th and the poster for February 8th, all this year, were required.

Motive Must Be Proved.

Mr. Haynes said that, as far as he understood the law, where the circumstances under which the alleged matter was published did not present any justifiable occasion for speaking or writing such, or show it to be done in pursuance of some duty, or in the enforcement of a right, the communication was deemed in law to be malicious. Further, if the defendant sought to excuse such acts by reason of certain circumstances—that the occasion was privileged, or that the words were common to a matter of public interest then such excuse could be destroyed if the plaintiff could prove an improper motive.

Mr. Haynes, after giving the references to his Lordship, who said that Mr. Haynes could quote any

PYJAMA SCENES IN CAIRO.

UNCONVENTIONAL BUT NECESSARY.

BIG FIRE ON LUXOR TOURIST TRAIN DE LUXE.

DIVE FOR A CHANGE.

Cairo, Mar. 14. Strange scenes were enacted at the railway station to-day on the belated arrival from Luxor of a crowded train de luxe, the passengers consisting chiefly of American tourists who rushed, clad in pyjamas or borrowed clothing, to catch a special for Alexandria where they were to board a White Star liner.

The Kodak millionaire, Mr. George Eastman, would probably have objected to being "snapped" as he jumped into a vehicle and was driven to a hotel clad in a pyjama jacket and a pair of serge trousers.

The lady passengers endeavoured to conceal the asperness of their attire beneath cloaks.

Alarming Experience.

The reason for this amusing if unconventional occurrence was that a fire had occurred on the

ATTEMPTED LIFE OF DR. C. C. WU.

Assassin Sentenced to Life Imprisonment.

Singapore, Mar. 14.

The Chinese Communist, Cheong Yok-kai, charged in connection with the wounding of Dr. Lim Boon-keng, has been found guilty, and sentenced to imprisonment for life.

Dr. Lim Boon-keng was leaving the Chamber of Commerce with Dr. C. C. Wu, when an attempt was made to assassinate the Nanking ex-Foreign Minister. Dr. Wu escaped unharmed, but Dr. Lim Boon-keng was shot in the face.—*Reuter*.

train on the way from Luxor, the passengers having a somewhat alarming experience.

The fire has been attributed to the overheating of an axle which set fire to the bottom of a coach and ultimately spread to the sleeping coaches which were destroyed.

Awakened From Sleep.

Passengers were awakened from their sleep when the danger was precipitate, and they made their escape, abandoning clothes and valuables.

Fortunately, there were no serious casualties, though a number of the passengers were treated for cuts and bruises.

The delay in arrival was due to the action of the engine-driver, who, observing the flames bursting from the carriage, stopped the train at Minieh, where it was held up until further danger was over.—*Reuter*.

HINKLER WARMLY GREETED.

TUMULTUOUS RECEPTION AT CANBERRA.

Canberra, Mar. 14.

Captain Bert Hinkler, the hero of the historic single-handed flight from Croydon to Australia in fifteen days, flew to Canberra to-day, and was accorded a tumultuous reception by a huge crowd.

Mr. Bruce welcomed the famous aviator and presented him with a cheque for £2,000 on behalf of the Australian Commonwealth Government.—*Reuter*.

FASCIST KILLED IN PARIS.

ASSASSINATED AT FRIENDS' DOOR.

TELEPHONE ENQUIRY.

Paris, Mar. 14. While the Italian Fascist, Signor Savorelli, who is visiting Paris, was lunching with some friends in their flat, the telephone bell rang and an enquiry was made if the guest was in the premises.

An affirmative reply was given, and the unknown enquirer, rang off.

Shortly afterwards, the doorbell rang, Signor Savorelli opened the door and three revolver shots rang out while the door was slammed heavily to.

Friends rushed into the corridor and found Signor Savorelli lying dead and the murderer disappeared.

The police theory is that the crime was one of political vengeance.—*Reuter*.

CABLE & WIRELESS MERGER.

PROVISIONAL ARRANGEMENT REACHED.

London, Mar. 14.

The Eastern and Associated Telegraph Companies and Marconi's Wireless Telegraph Company, announce that a provisional arrangement has been reached for the fusion of the two Companies' interests through the medium of a proposed holding company, subject to a satisfactory agreement with the British Government, the Dominions Government and India, and also to the acceptance by the Companies' stockholders and shareholders.

It is added that no announcement of the terms of the arrangement can be made, in the meantime, as the consummation is dependent on the above-mentioned conditions.—*Reuter*.

TO ASSIST SIMON COMMISSION.

PUNJAB COUNCIL FAVOURS CO-OPERATION.

Lahore, Mar. 15. The Punjab Legislative Council has passed a resolution pledging co-operation with the Simon Commission.

The Opposition did not challenge a division after its motion to adjourn the debate had been defeated by 55 votes to 14.

Sir Fazl Hussain, on behalf of the Government, in moving the appointment of a Committee to participate in the proposed joint free conference with the Simon Commissioners, said it would be elected in the May session.

The Opposition maintained that though in a minority, a new Party would soon spring up which would know how to win freedom, even by the sword if necessary.

The Commission has now separated into two sections.—*Reuter*.

MARSHAL LI CHAI-SUM.

REPORTED TO BE LEAVING CANTON TO-DAY.

Following the telegram published yesterday to the effect that Marshal Li Chai-sum has been ordered to proceed to Nanking to assume office of Chief of Staff of the Nationalist Army, a rumour is current in Hongkong to the effect he is coming down from Canton by train to-day, on route to the North.

It is stated that he is being accompanied by General Chan Ming-shu.

THE NICARAGUAN ELECTION.

AMERICAN SUPERVISION REJECTED.

Managua, Mar. 14. The House of Representatives, by 22 votes to 18, rejected the McCoy Bill, proposing to authorise United States supervision of the Nicaraguan Presidential election in October.—*Reuter's American Service*.

WONDERFUL CITY WELCOME.

LONDON AT BEST FOR AFGHAN KING.

BRILLIANT FUNCTION AT THE GUILDHALL.

BLAZE OF COLOUR.

London, Mar. 14. King Amanullah and Queen Souriya of Afghanistan had a wonderful welcome from the City of London to-day when they were the guests of the Lord Mayor and Corporation at the Guildhall.

Driving from Buckingham Palace with an escort of the Life Guards, they were cheered all the way to the Guildhall by considerable crowds.

King Amanullah saluted in acknowledgment while Queen Souriya smiled happily.

A distinguished assemblage was gathered in the library of the Guildhall, including Sir Austen Chamberlain, the Foreign Secretary, and other members of the Government, Admiral Sir Charles Madden and Field Marshal Sir George Milne, Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, the Labour leader, the Archbishop of Canterbury and prominent representatives of all

THE JAPANESE BOYCOTT AT AMOY.

Concession Fails to Appease the Chinese.

In connexion with the Japanese boycott at Amoy, a vernacular paper states that, according to a telegram, the Japanese Consular authorities there declared on Tuesday that they would release two of the detained Whampoa students, but added that the other two students were Korean revolutionists and therefore should be extradited to Korea.

The telegram added that this change of attitude on the part of the Japanese was due to the resolute attitude of the Chinese.

Despite this move, however, the attitude of the members of the Amoy Kuomintang Association and of the other Chinese organisations appears to be unchanged.

spheres of civic life, many accompanied by their ladies.

Fanfare of Trumpets.

The arrival of the Afghan King was announced to the assembly by a fanfare of trumpets and a rattle of drums.

Their Majesties were greeted by the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, the latter presenting a bouquet to Queen Souriya.

The Aldermen and Sheriffs in their robes, the Afghan Minister and members of the Legation, Field Marshal Viscount Allenby and the British officers attendant on the Afghan King preceded the Duke and Duchess of York and Princess Arthur of Connaught.

Then came the Queen of Afghanistan and the Lord Mayor, followed by King Amanullah and the Lady Mayoress.

Gorgeous Scene.

When the King and Queen entered the library, they were evidently impressed by the scene. The ancient hall was glowing with the colour of the robes of the City Fathers and brilliant military uniforms.

Their Majesties were entertained on either side of the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, while the members of the Royal Family occupied golden chairs to the left. The Recorder of the City read an Address of Welcome to their Afghan Majesties, thanking them for the honour of their visit which illustrated, the friendly relations happily subsisting between your Majesty and our beloved Sovereign.

It expressed the hope that the bonds of peace and friendship might be strengthened still further and that "increased trade and commerce between our countries" (Continued on Page 14.)

NANKING OUTRAGE DEMANDS.

SIR MILES LAMPSON PARLEY'S FOR MITIGATION.

VITAL CONVERSATIONS.

London, Mar. 14. Router learns that Great Britain and the other Powers are now prepared to mitigate the demands presented to the Nanking Government in 1927, following the outrages against foreigners when the Nationalist Army captured the city.

It is felt in political circles that the situation has changed in view of the fact that the outrages were undoubtedly engineered by the Bolshevik element, which has now been expelled from the control of Chinese affairs.

The change of views is the result of the conferences at Canton between Sir Miles Lampson, the British Minister to Peking, and Marshal Li Chai-sum, the head of the Administration at Canton, and Sir Miles Lampson's conversations with Mr. Hwang Fu, the Nanking Foreign Minister in Shanghai.

There are no indications of the exact nature of the discussions, but it is understood that Britain is keeping the Powers concerned, fully informed of the progress of the discussions.

Conversations are also proceeding through the various Consuls-General at Nanking.—*Reuter*.

HUNGARIANS RIOT IN NEW YORK.

POLICE PROTECTION FOR DELEGATES.

New York, Mar. 14. Considerable disorder prevailed in a crowd of about three thousand, who were congregated on the water-front awaiting the arrival of 672 Hungarian delegates to participate in the unavailing ceremony at a memorial to the Hungarian national hero, Kosuth.

Photographers took a flashlight picture of the demonstration and the crowd, apparently, thought that a bomb had been exploded. Revolvers were fired, but fortunately there were no fatalities.

The Police dispersed the crowd and escorted the delegates to their hotels, which were closely guarded to prevent any attempt at disturbance by "Hungarian Liberals," who are bitterly opposed to the present regime in Hungary.—*Reuter's American Service*.

OBJECT TO PAYMENT BY RESULTS.

AUSTRALIA TO CLOSE WALSH ISLAND DOCKYARD.

Sydney, Mar. 14.

The Minister of Public Works has announced that the Australian Government has decided to close down the Walsh Island Dockyard on March 16th, owing to the men's objection to payment by results.

He stated that the Government is considering the question of the disposal of the establishment with the existing contracts.—*Reuter*.

AMERICA'S GROWING POPULATION.

ESTIMATED TO BE OVER 120 MILLION.

Washington, Mar. 14. Although the next Federal census does not occur before 1930, the Census Bureau estimates that the population of the United States on July 1st will be 120,000,000, an increase of 14 per cent. over the census of 1920.

Florida shows the largest gain.—*Reuter's American Service*.

PORTUGUESE CURRENCY.

ESCUDOS DECLINE ON LOAN FAILURE.

London, Mar. 14. A feature of the exchange market is the continued offering of Portuguese escudos, presumably on disappointment at the failure of the loan negotiations. The rate fell to under twenty pence.—*British Wireless*.

ATLANTIC FLIGHT MYSTERY.

HINCHCLIFFE EFFORT SEEMS CERTAIN.

NO NEWS OF DARING EXPLOIT HOURS "ADrift."

HON. ELSIE MACKAY.

London, Mar. 14. Captain Hinchcliffe's London agent stated to-day that it can be taken for granted that the pilot, Mr. Gordon Sinclair, was with Hinchcliffe, when the "Endeavour" took off from Cranwell Aerodrome, but "as regards Miss Mackay, I don't know what to think."

Mrs. Sinclair told Press representatives that she had heard nothing from her husband.

Gale in Atlantic.

New York, Mar. 14. Although a sharp look-out has been kept by ships at sea and wireless stations along the coast between New York and Newfoundland, nothing had been heard of Hinchcliffe up to ten o'clock this morning, but favourable weather was reported during the night off Nova Scotia.

The liner "Celtic" however, which is five hundred miles from New York, has sent a wireless message to the effect that she is running into a northerly gale.

A message from Boston reports poor visibility and a dense fog off the New England coast, while at St. John's the noon weather was fine, with north-westerly winds of increasing force.

Of Captain Hinchcliffe's machine there has been no news whatever.

Sighted?

London, Last Night. The only news which can have any possible bearing on the whereabouts of Captain Hinchcliffe up to this hour, is a message received from the Western Union Cable Company's operator at Heart's Content, Newfoundland.

The messages states that the Company's repairer says he saw a plane passing in a north-westerly direction between Kellingrow and Holyrood at 6.30 Greenwich Mean Time.

The locality is seventy miles south of St. John's. The aviator should have been reported from Newfoundland at noon to-day had he intended to land there.—*Reuter*.

Accompanied by Lady.

The staff of Lord Inchcape's town house waited all night long for news of Lord Inchcape's daughter, the Hon. Elsie Mackay, but she had not returned and nothing has been heard of her. Thus a report that she is accompanying Capt. Hinchcliffe as a relief pilot, which she denied last week, is apparently true.

A message from St. Johns, Newfoundland, at six this morning, said the weather was fine and clear and favourable for flying. The wireless stations had heard nothing from Hinchcliffe during the night.—*Reuter*.

Mr. Gordon Sinclair Explains.

London, Mar. 15. Mr. Gordon Sinclair has emerged from obscurity and has visited Mrs. Hinchcliffe.

He stated that only a couple of hours before the "Endeavour" started, the Hon. Elsie Mackay decided to accompany the aviator on the flight.

"We are now waiting anxiously, but are full of hope as Captain Hinchcliffe had frequently referred to the possibility of pushing on to Philadelphia if possible, and the petrol on board was sufficient to last from 45 to 50 hours."—*Reuter*.

COLOMBO RAILWAY SMASH.

DEATH ROLL MOUNTS TO TWENTY-SIX.

Colombo, Mar. 14. The Ceylon railway disaster, when the Galle-Colombo express was involved in a head-on collision with a passenger train, several carriages being telescoped, resulted in twenty-six deaths, while a great many more suffered injuries.—*Reuter*.



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ARMED ROBBERIES.

TWO DARING RAIDS YESTERDAY.

A daylight robbery was perpetrated by three men at No. 205, Queen's Road West, third floor, yesterday afternoon. The trio succeeded in gaining entrance under the pretext that they wanted to rent a cubicle.

The report to the police says that about 8.30, a man called at the house, declaring that he intended to rent a room. The ground, first and second floors of the house are occupied by any tenants. After looking over the house, the man went away, saying that he would come back with the deposit money.

After a while he returned, but this time with two companions, and the amah who opened the door, admitted all three.

Once inside the robbers drew arms, one having a dagger and one a revolver, and threatened the inmates—the mistress and the amah—with death if they raised an alarm. The three desperados pushed the two women and a baby of a few months old into a room, before ransacking the house.

The robbers stayed in the house for about fifteen minutes, and made good their escape with property valued at about \$160 comprising some \$100 in banknotes and the rest in jewellery, including a gold wrist-watch.

The two women, who were gagged with towels and string, were later released, after the robbers had gone, by two other women who came up to the house to rent the room and found that the door was wide open.

The men left a dagger behind them. Up to a late hour yesterday no arrest had been effected.

Another Affair.

According to the police, a second armed robbery occurred last night, when four men, one armed with a revolver and one with a knife, succeeded in gaining their entrance into the servants' quarters of No. 100, The Peak, about 7.15.

There were two women in that part of the house, an elderly Chinese woman of 57, and her daughter. One of the robbers picked up a chopper in the kitchen and threatened the women if they gave the alarm.

Two rings and two pairs of gold earrings were taken away from the victims by the men, who got clear away with booty estimated to amount to about \$30.

LETTER TELEGRAMS.

EASTERN EXTENSION CO.'S SCHEME.

The Eastern Extension Telegraph Company are offering patrons much cheaper rates for sending telegrams with a minimum delay in delivery of 48 hours, adopting a system which is prevalent in all the larger towns of the world.

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The report of the directors of the Imperial Tobacco Company (of Great Britain and Ireland), Ltd., to be presented at the annual meeting shows a net trading profit for the year ended October 31 of £29,223,718 7s. 10d. Deducting provision for pension of £250,000 and a sum of £500,000 transferred to general reserve account, there is a balance of £28,473,718 7s. 10d., which, with £221,378 2s. 7d. brought forward, makes the trading profit available for distribution £29,299,174 14s. 5d.

BRIBE OR BAIL?

SEQUEL TO OPIUM RAID ON JUNK.

Arising from an opium raid on a junk in harbour on the 28th of last month, a police coxswain was charged on remand, before Major C. Willson at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon, with demanding a bribe of \$200 from the boatwoman. Pleading not guilty, he was defended by Mr. J. M. d'Almeida Remedios.

Police Sergeant A93 deposed that on the day in question his room-boy handed him a chit by which witness was given to understand that the sender, who was the defendant, knew the whereabouts of a cache of opium and requested an appointment at the Railway Station at Kowloon.

At the hour arranged, witness met defendant and they were later joined by three other Chinese. The party then proceeded to a wharf at Canton Road West, from which point they boarded a sampans to get along-side a junk.

A thorough search was made of the junk and in a compartment aft, they discovered a man lying alongside an opium lamp and pipe. Near him they also found a glass jar in which was a small quantity of opium.

Boatwoman's Offer.

Whatever the exact quantity might be, witness did not think it sufficient to warrant a charge. But one of the women on board came forward at the close of a conversation which witness could not follow, and speaking in Chinese, gave him to understand that she was willing to pay two hundred dollars. Witness did not accept it, and telling the men to come away, got back to the sampans. While doing so, he hurt himself by running against a spar protruding from the sail of the sampans.

On disembarking, witness proceeded to a restaurant, whither one of the Chinese followed him and between them they had a couple of drinks for which witness paid.

He returned to the Tsim Sha Tsui Police Station. Except that the defendant came forward to say he was a Police Coxswain and that his number was 88, he had never to the best of his knowledge seen the defendant, or any of the other men in the party. Even now, he was not positive that it was the defendant who approached him at the Railway Station.

A Misunderstanding.

Mr. d'Almeida Remedios, cross-examining, suggested that it was witness' inadequate knowledge of Chinese which led him to conceive the idea of a bribe or that the defendant had interested himself in the matter in that fashion. Mr. d'Almeida suggested that it was bail money that was being offered.

Mr. Kent, with regard to this point of a misunderstanding, said that the usual procedure was to take away the boat's license, leaving it to the owner to call at the Police Station for it in the morning. That procedure was not practised in the present instance because the Sergeant did not think there was a case.

Mr. Remedios remarked that it was the very point which he was arguing. The woman had thought she was going under arrest and was offering to go ashore to get the money.

Witness, in reply to further questions, denied that defendant was acting as interpreter in enquiries made on the junk.

The case was adjourned.

THE UNEMPLOYED.

BRITISH FIGURES SHOW IMPROVEMENT.

London, Mar. 14.

The latest weekly return shows that the number of persons unemployed is 1,094,500.

This is more than 14,000 less than the previous week, and about 40,000 less than in the corresponding period of last year.—*British Wireless.*

A big improvement in the standard of present-day houses for the working classes, an expenditure on housing of £21,000,000 since the war, and an output of houses during the present financial year equal to that of 20 pre-war years, are recorded in an official report on L.C.C. Housing. In the financial year ending March 31 next not far short of 10,000 houses and flats will, it is anticipated, have been erected by the agency of the Council alone.

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KOWLOON AFFAIRS.

PROPOSED NEW SCHOOL.

The first monthly committee meeting of the new committee of the Kowloon Residents' Association was held on Monday night in St. Andrews Church Hall, all members of the committee being present, i.e., Mr. E. Cock, (President), Mr. B. W. Taps, (Vice-President), Mr. E. Abraham, (Hon. Treasurer), Mr. C. E. Terry, (Hon. Secretary) and Messrs. C. M. Manners, J. M. Noronha, J. H. Hunt, F. C. Mow Fung, W. S. Bailey, F. W. Stapleton, B. Wylie, F. J. Easterbrook, F. H. Crappell, W. J. Stokes, J. M. Wong, R. Pestonji, T. Revnott, H. Un, A. J. J. Martin, Rev. W. W. Rogers and Rev. J. H. Johnston.

After the usual formal business, sub-committees were appointed as follows:

Correspondence.—The President, Vice-President and Hon. Secretary. Children's Playgrounds.—Messrs. F. H. Crappell, W. S. Bailey and H. Un.

Bathing Facilities.—Messrs. C. M. Manners, J. M. Noronha, and J. M. Wong.

A letter from a member with regard to electric wiring systems in Kowloon was discussed at length, and was finally put back for a special referendum.

A request for a bus-stopping place in the vicinity of Kimberley and Granville Roads was considered, and it was decided to request the C.S.P. to institute a stop between these two roads.

Proposed New School.

A letter from the Dairy Farm Ice and Cold Storage Co., stating that they intended to extend their premises, and inviting suggestions as to improvements was read and discussed. A special sub-committee including two ladies was appointed to study the matter, and to bring forward recommendations to the General Committee.

A reply from the G.O.C. regarding the military forage shed in Chatham Road was considered at length, and it was decided to press for the early removal of this shed and the abatement of the noise attendant on changing guard, etc.

On the proposal of Mr. Manners, seconded by the Rev. J. H. Johnston, a resolution was unanimously carried that the Commendation to the Government that a new School or schools be built in Kowloon, and Mr. Wylie was asked to bring forward data on this subject at the next meeting.

The Hon. Treasurer reported that nearly fifty new members had joined the Association. Members are reminded that subscriptions for 1928 are now due, and should be sent to Mr. E. Abraham, c/o Messrs. Tester and Abraham, Hongkong.

The traffic "white line" in Salisbury Road, the public pier, and the removal of trees in Nathan Road were also dealt with.

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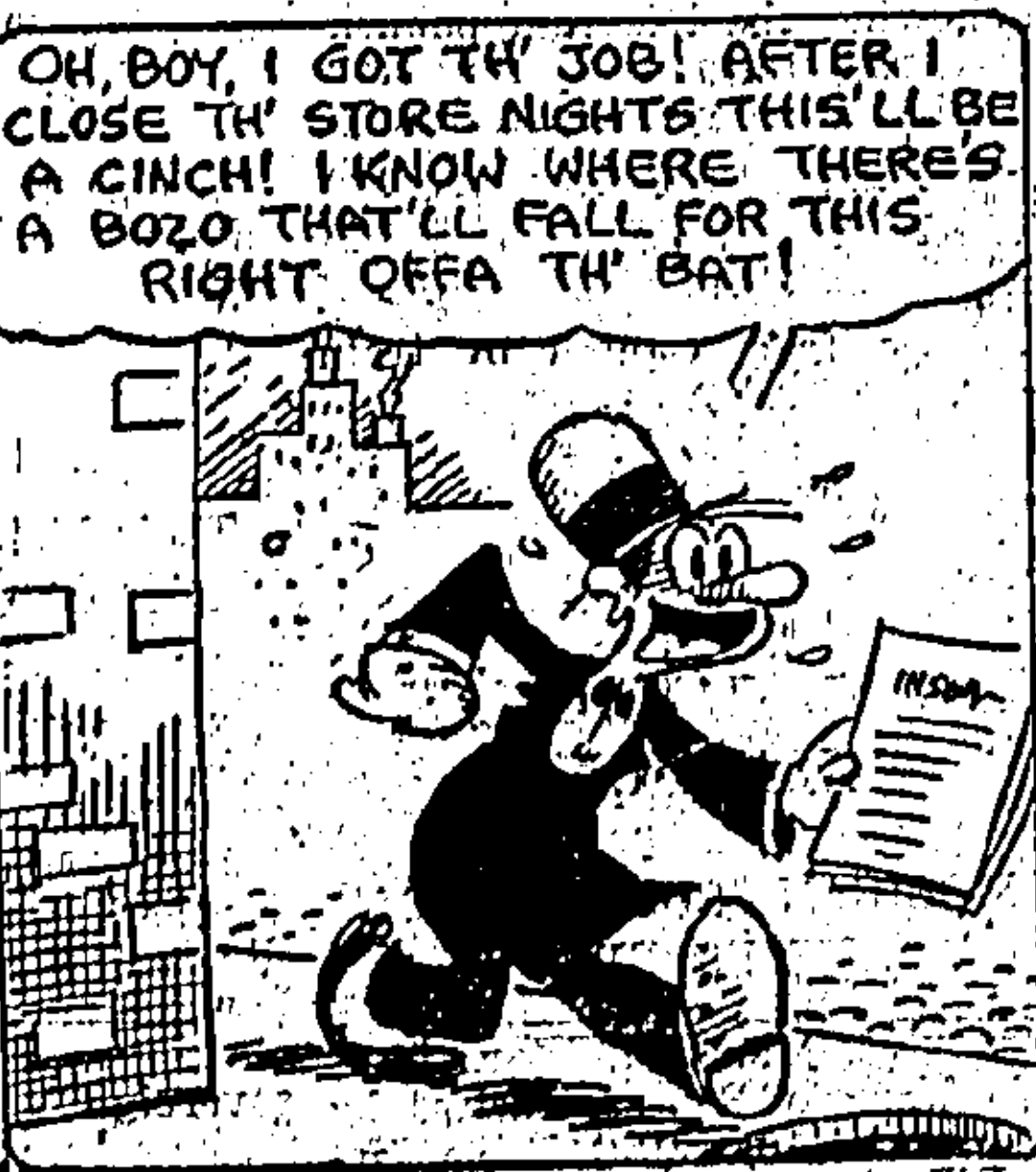
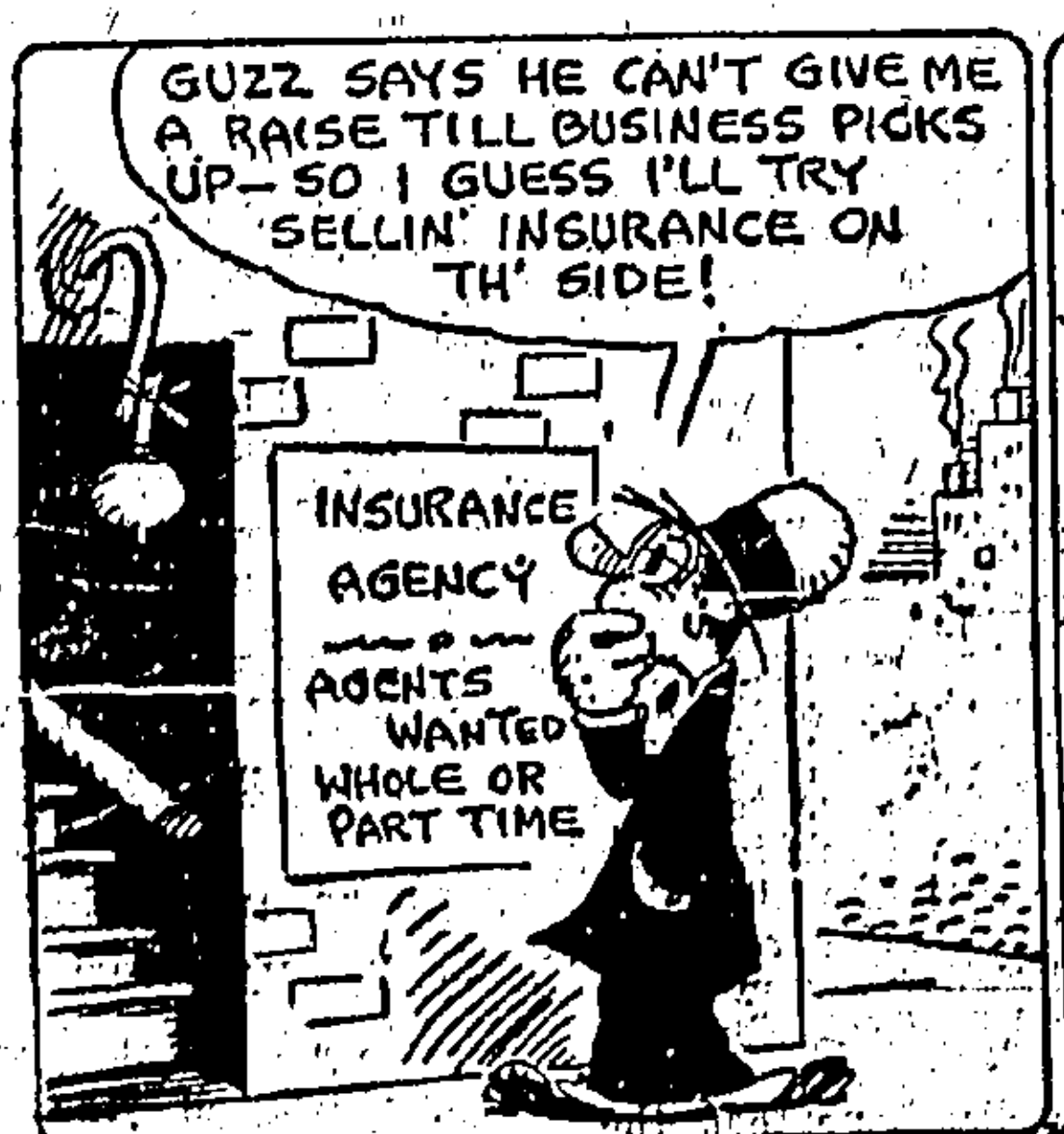
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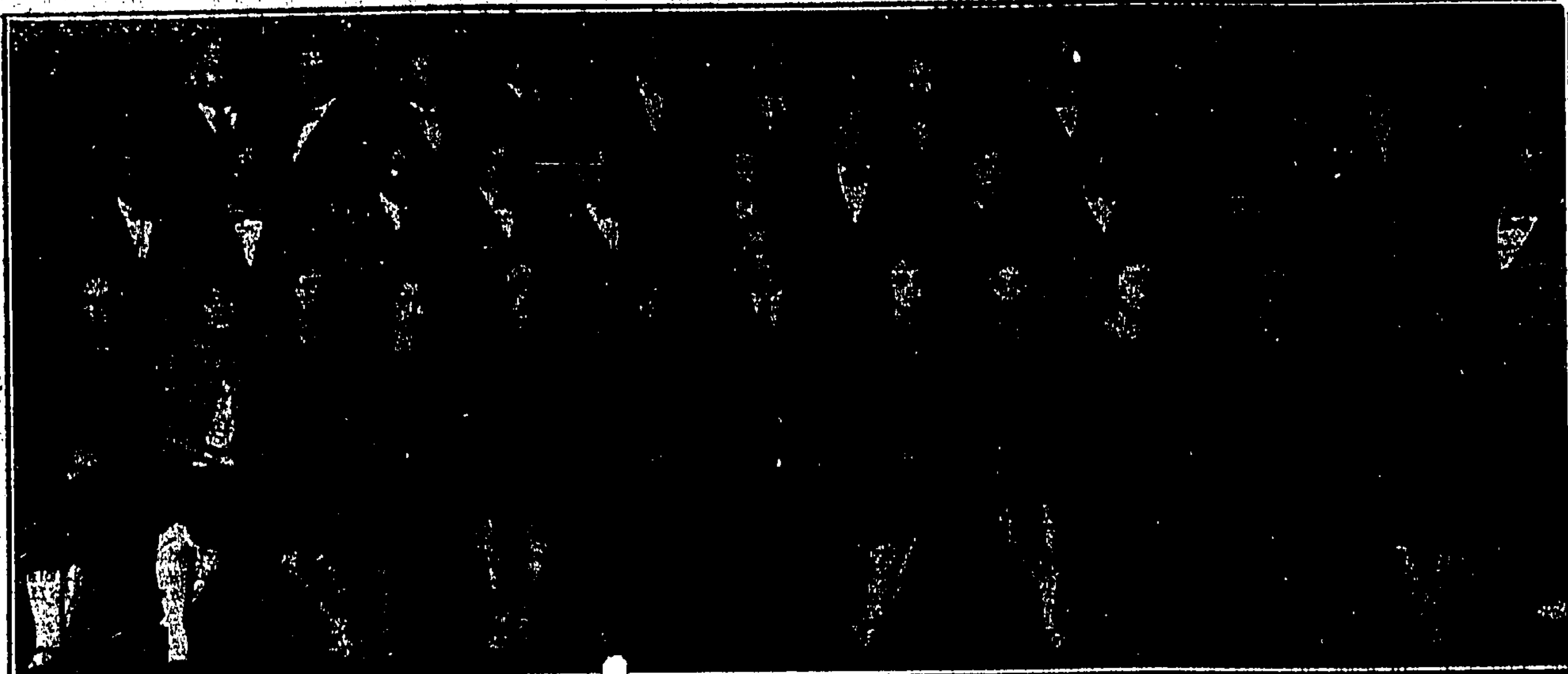
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Here comes Clarence Chamberlin down the road in his midget airplane—a perfect take-off from an ordinary suburban highway such as lots of other folks will be making a few years from now. Chamberlin was leaving New York for a lecture tour of Pennsylvania.



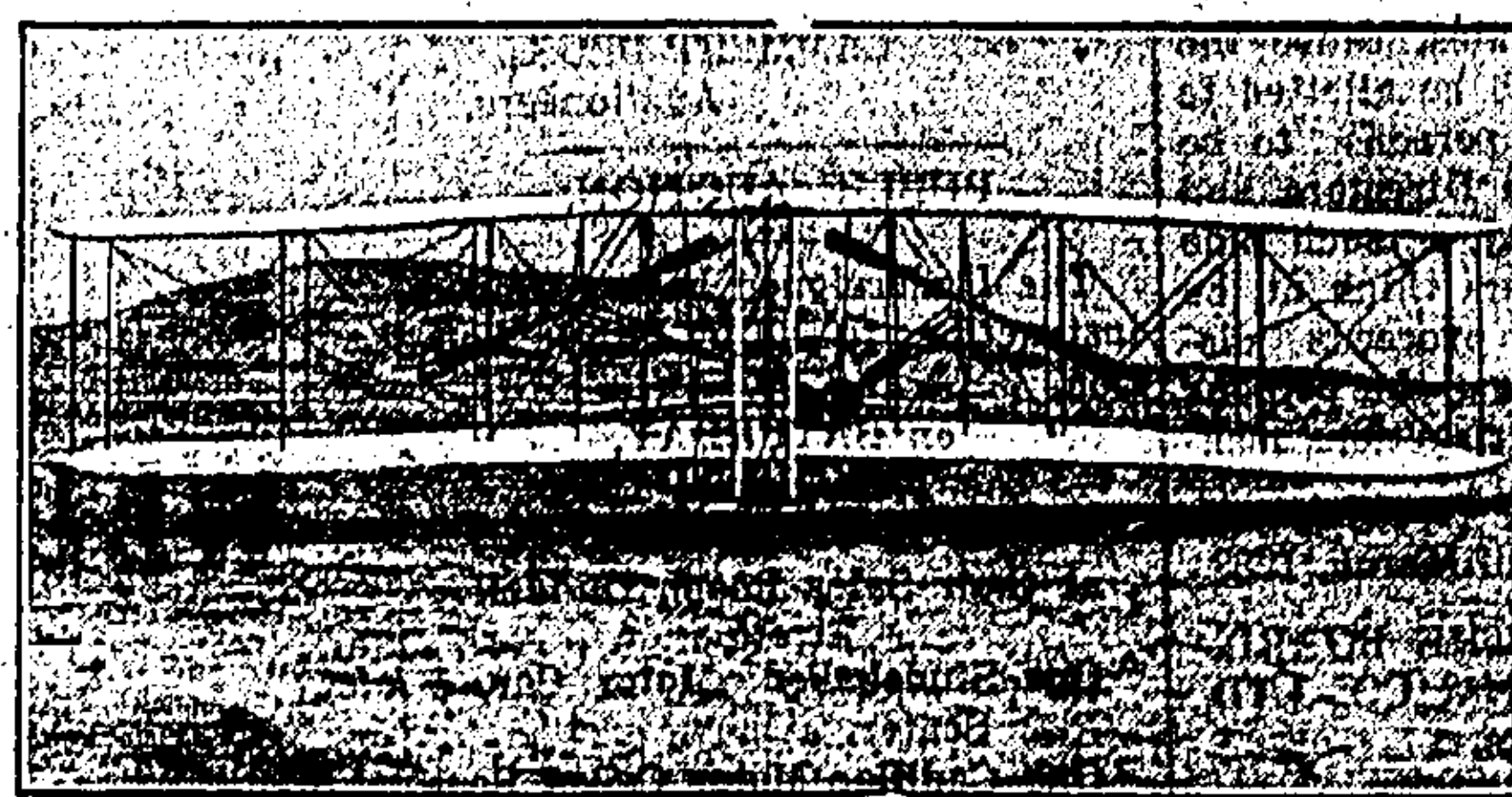
A party of Shanghai race-goers caught by the ubiquitous photographer in the enclosure at the Paper Hunt Races.



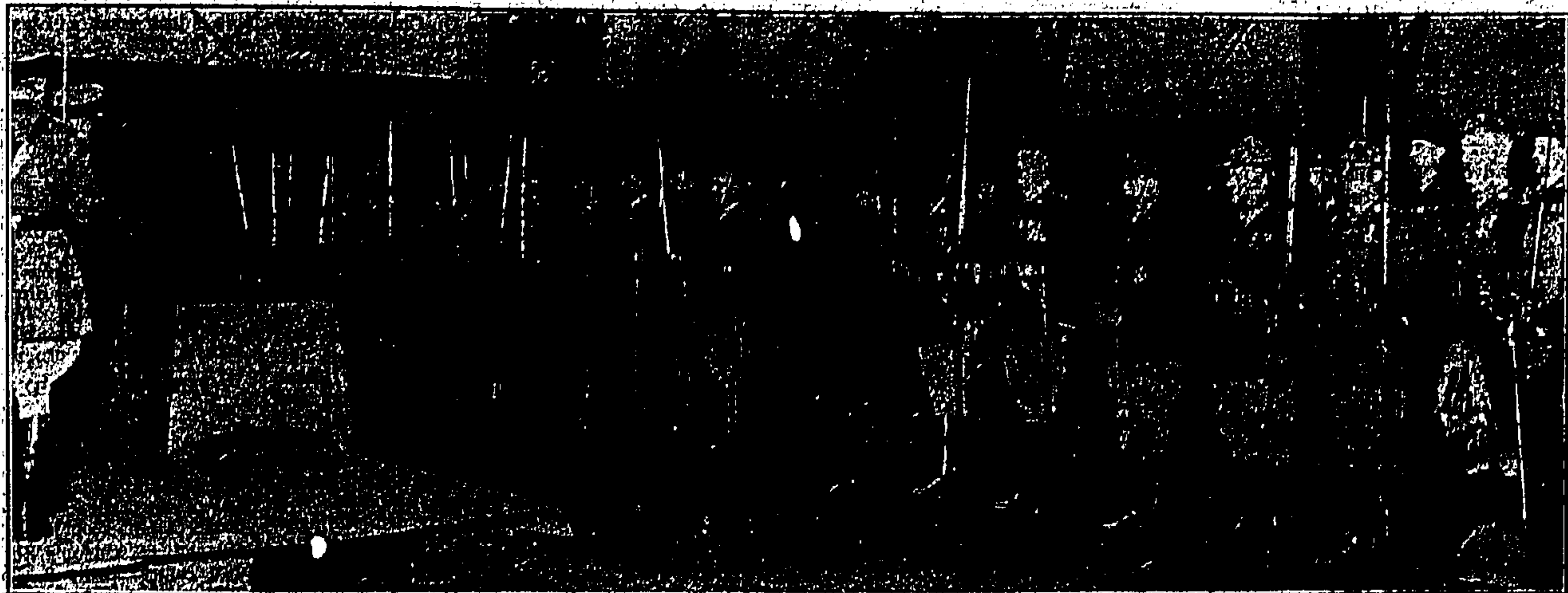
The mutiny of the crew on the pirate ship, in the second act of "Captain Applejack," which was successfully produced by the American Players in Shanghai. Mr. Gardner Crane, as Captain Applejack, is seen on the right, and Mrs. D. Kydd, as the captured princess, is crouching on the floor.



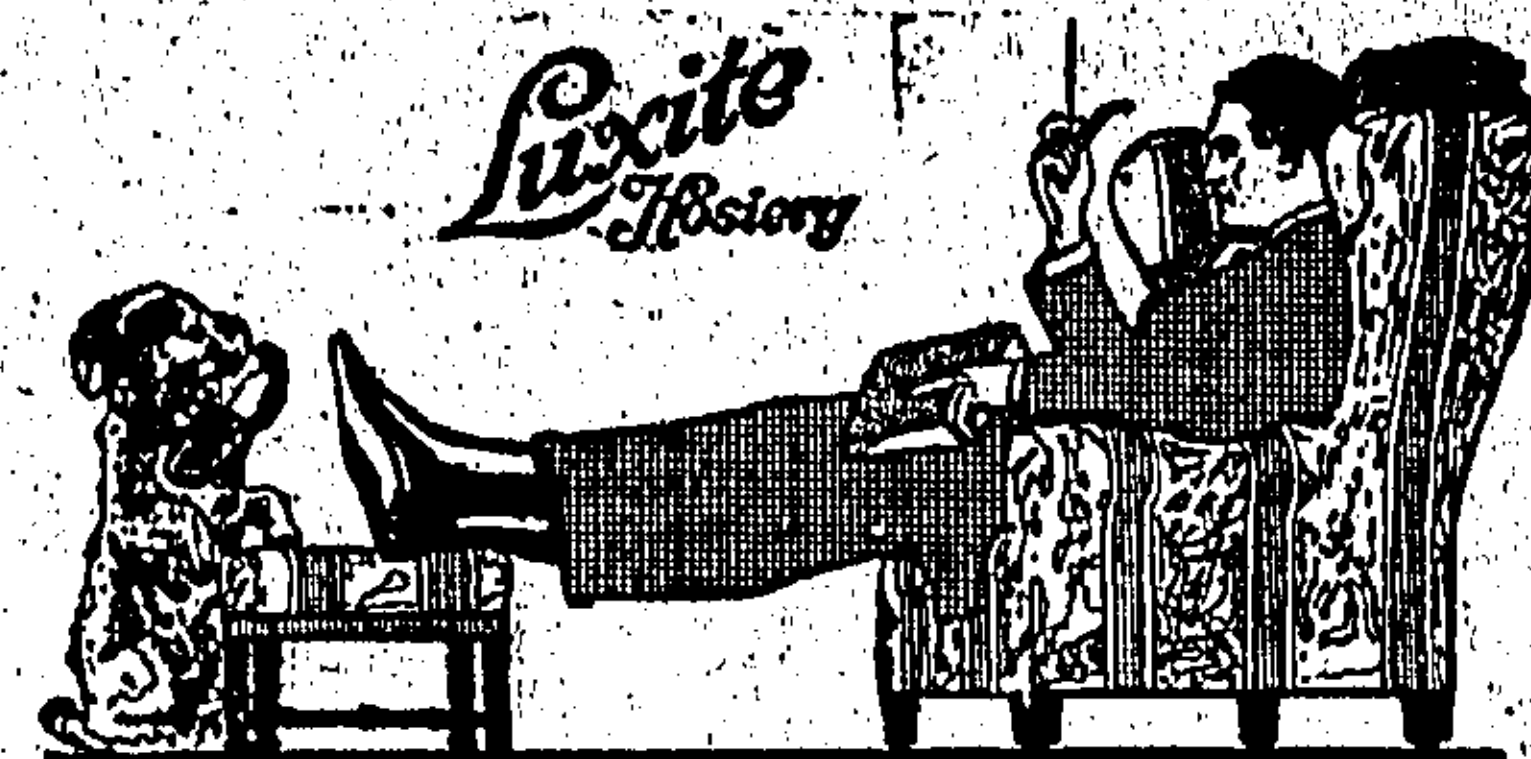
Mrs. N. Hickling, riding side saddle and Miss Germaine Lomiers, astride, snapped at the last jump at a Shanghai mixed paper hunt. Mrs. Hickling was the winner.



The Wright Biplane, the first aeroplane to fly under its own power, which is to be housed in the Science Museum, South Kensington. It was designed by Mr. Orville Wright and his brother, the late Mr. Wilbur Wright. (Times copyright)



Over 800 members of the Shanghai Volunteer Corps paraded in the S. V. C. Drill Hall to present a valuable gift to Colonel W. P. L. Gordon, O.M.G., D.S.O., upon his relinquishing command of the Force. The presentation, which consisted of a magnificent oak casket of silver plate and an illuminated address, was made by Major R. H. McMichael. The above picture shows Col. Gordon addressing the Corps after receiving the gifts which are on the table in front of him. The two ranks in the foreground consist of a portion of the officers commanding the various units.



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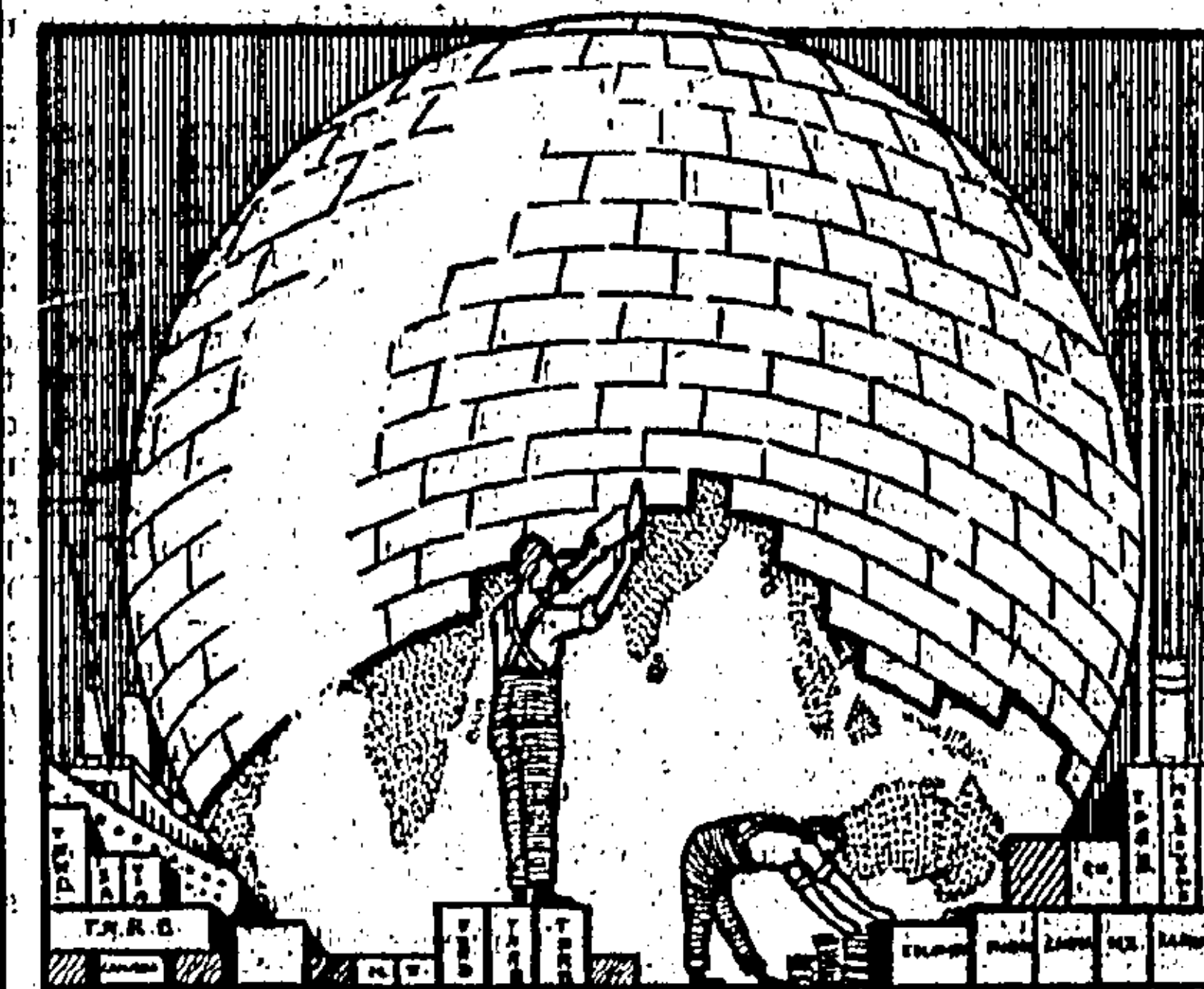
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NOTICE.

THE HONGKONG & WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders, will be held in the Office of the Company, 2, Queen's Buildings, Hongkong, on **TUESDAY, 20th March, 1928**, at noon, for consideration of the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1927.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 14th to the 20th March, 1928, (both days inclusive).

By Order of the Board of Directors.
R. M. DYER,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 6th March, 1928.

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Notice is hereby given that the Fourth Annual General Meeting of the Company will be held at the Registered Office, 2nd floor, Powell's Building, Des Voeux Road, Hongkong, on **Thursday, 22nd March, 1928**, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, together with a statement of accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1927.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from 15th March to 22nd March, 1928, both days inclusive.

THE HONGKONG EXCAVATION, PILE DRIVING & CONSTRUCTION CO., LTD.

General Managers,
Hongkong, 15th March, 1928.

THE CHINA LIGHT & POWER CO. (1918), LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the above named Company will be held at St. George's Building, Victoria in the Colony of Hongkong, at 12 o'clock noon on **FRIDAY, the 30th day of March, 1928**, for the purpose of considering and if thought fit passing the following Resolution as an Extraordinary Resolution:—

(1) That the Articles of Association of the Company be altered by adding to the end of Article 19 the following words:—

"Or as from the second day of April, 1928, at such other rate of interest as the Directors may from time to time determine."

Should the above mentioned Resolution be passed by the requisite majority it will be submitted for confirmation as a Special Resolution to a further Extraordinary General Meeting to be held at the same time and place on **MONDAY, the 16th day of April, 1928**, for the purpose of considering and if thought fit confirming the above Resolution as a Special Resolution.

SHEWAN TOMES & CO.,
General Managers,
Hongkong, 14th March, 1928.

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY LIMITED.

The 39th ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the above COMPANY will be held at the Offices of the Company, St. George's Building, Chater Road, Victoria, Hongkong, on **Wednesday, the 21st day of March, 1928**, at noon for the purpose of receiving a statement of accounts and the report of the Directors for the year ended 31st December, 1927.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from **Tuesday the 13th March, 1928**, until **Wednesday, the 21st March, 1928**, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN TOMES & CO.,
General Managers,
Hongkong, 1st March, 1928.

THE HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

The Forty-fourth Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders in the above Company will be held at St. George's Building, Chater Road, Victoria, on **Thursday, the 22nd March, 1928**, at 11.30 o'clock a.m. for the purpose of receiving a statement of accounts and the report of the General Managers for the year ended 31st December, 1927, and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from **Monday 12th March, 1928**, until **Thursday 22nd March, 1928**, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN TOMES & CO.,
General Managers,
Hongkong 1st March, 1928.

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EASTER MEETING.

Saturday, 31st March, 1928.

DRAFT PROGRAMMES AND ENTRY FORMS for the **EASTER MEETING** to be held on **SATURDAY, 31st March**, may be obtained from Dr. F. Pierce-Grove, Alexandra Buildings.

ENTRIES close before **NOON WEDNESDAY, 20th March, 1928.**

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THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC COMPANY LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held at P. and O. Building, Victoria in the Colony of Hongkong, at 12.10 o'clock in the afternoon, on **FRIDAY, the 16th day of March, 1928**, for the purpose of considering, and if thought fit, passing the following Resolution as an Extraordinary Resolution:—

"That the capital of the Company be increased from its present capital of \$3,000,000 (Hongkong Currency) divided into 900,000 shares of \$10 each to \$6,000,000 (Hongkong Currency) divided into 600,000 shares of \$10 each and that such additional shares shall rank in all respects pari passu with the original capital of the Company."

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that a further Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held at the same place at 12.30 o'clock in the afternoon, on **MONDAY, the 19th day of April, 1928**, for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, confirming the above Resolution as a Special Resolution.

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that a further Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held at the same place on **MONDAY, the 19th day of April, 1928**, at 12.40 o'clock in the afternoon or as soon thereafter as the above Meeting shall have terminated for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, passing the following Resolutions, namely:—

- "That the Directors be, and they are hereby authorised, to capitalise the sum of \$1,500,000 profits of the Company standing to the credit of the Company's Reserve Fund and to allot to the members holding shares of the Company as on the 1st day of July, 1928, in respect of the net amount capitalised fully paid shares of the Company of equivalent nominal value in the proportion of one share for every two shares of the Company then held by such persons respectively and that such shares so allotted shall rank for dividends as from the 1st day of July, 1928."
- "That if, on such distribution as aforesaid, any person would be entitled to a fraction of a share, the Directors shall, in lieu of issuing fractional certificates, cause the whole share to be allotted to a person or persons to be named by the Directors and such share may, at such time as the Directors think fit, be sold and the proceeds distributed amongst the persons entitled to the fractions making up the share."

Dated the 3rd day of March, 1928.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD,
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HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

The Second Extra Race Meeting will be held (weather permitting) at Happy Valley on **SATURDAY, 17th March, 1928**, commencing at 2.30 p.m. The first bell will be rung at 2 p.m.

The charge for admission to the Public Enclosure will be \$1.00 for all persons including Ladies.

Soldiers and Sailors in uniform half price.

Members are advised that they must show their Badges to obtain admission to the Members' Enclosure.

Each member has the right to introduce 2 non-members to the Members' Enclosure, tickets for whom can be obtained from Messrs. Linthead & Davis at \$5.00 each up to **FRIDAY, 16th March, 1928.**

The charge for admission for Ladies to the Members' Enclosure will be \$2.00. Each member can obtain, upon application, to the Secretary, Badges for admission of 2 Ladies free of charge.

Bookmakers, Tie Men, etc., will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of the Hongkong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

LAMMERT'S AUCTIONS

PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, for account of the concerned, on **FRIDAY,**

the 16th March, 1928 commencing at 11 a.m. at Godown No. 51, Lower, The Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., Kowloon.

A Quantity of Miscellaneous Goods.

Comprising:—
Paper, Flat Iron, Angle Iron, Wire-Rope, Canned Goods, Sulphur Sublime, Iron Ware, Tinplates, Window Glass, Etc., and

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The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction,

on **SATURDAY,**
the 17th March, 1928,
commencing at 11 a.m.

at their Sales Room,
Duddell Street.

1 Feather Press.
1 Electric Motor and Switchgear
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PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions from the Official Receiver, Supreme Court, to sell by Public Auction,

on **MONDAY,**
the 19th March, 1928 commencing at 11 a.m. at the godown of Yuen Mow Hong (in Bankruptcy), Praya, Kennedy Town.

248 Bags Rice.
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25 Cases Shells.

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U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Shanghai	President Lincoln	March 18.
Straits	Fushimi Maru	March 18.
Straits	Santha	March 19.
Japan and Shanghai	Porthos	March 27.

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	Date
Macao	Choon Chow Thure	Mar. 16, 8.30 p.m.
Samahul and Wuchow	Kong Ning Thure	Mar. 16, 4.30 p.m.
Shanghai and Europe via Sibiria	Mantua	Thurs. Mar. 15, 6 p.m.
Manila, Australia and New Zealand	Parcels	Mar. 15, 6 p.m.
via Thursday Island	Taipei	Fri. Mar. 16, 10.30 a.m.
	Registration	9.45 a.m.
	Letters	10.30 a.m.
	(Due Thursday Island 27th March).	
Japan	Aki Maru	Fri. Mar. 16, 9.30 a.m.
Holhow, Pakhoi and Halphong	Tea	Fri. Mar. 16, 10 a.m.
Manila and parcels for Germany via Hamburg	Saarlant	Fri. Mar. 16, 3.30 p.m.
Shanghai	Sinking	Fri. Mar. 16, 6 p.m.
Manila	Empress of Asia	Sat. Mar. 17, 8 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. and S. Africa, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Kashmir	Sat. Mar. 17.

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Registration ... Mar. 17, 9 a.m.
Letters ... Mar. 17, 10 a.m.
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Parcels ... Mar. 16, 5 p.m.
Registration ... Mar. 17, 10.30 a.m.
Letters ... Mar. 17, 10.30 a.m.
(Due Marseilles 14th April).

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow ... Hailong ... Sat. Mar. 17, 2 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa ... Kajo Maru ... Sun. Mar. 18, 9 a.m.
Bangkok ... Chinhu ... Sun. Mar. 18, 9 a.m.
Shanghai and Japan ... Fushimi Maru ... Mon. Mar. 19, 10.30 p.m.
Manila ... Pres. Lincoln Mon. Mar. 19, 4.30 p.m.
Swatow ... Chaksang ... Mon. Mar. 19, 5 p.m.



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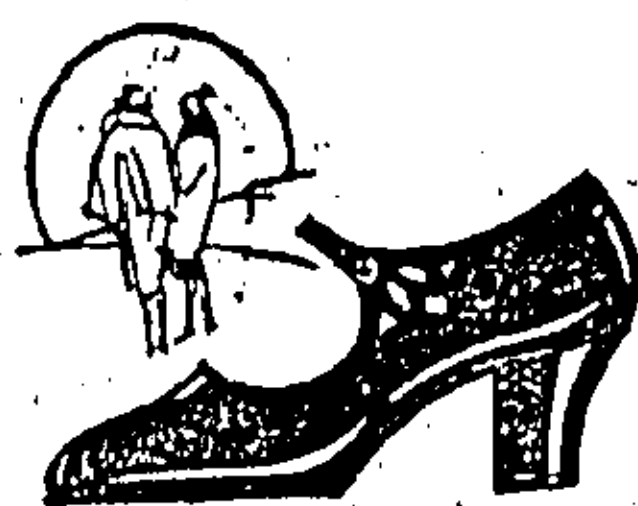
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TO-DAY'S FILMS.

"MY BEST GIRL" AT QUEEN'S THEATRE.

Specially written for "the world's sweetheart" by Kathleen Norris, Mary Pickford's new film, "My Best Girl," will be the attraction at the Queen's to-day till Saturday. "My Best Girl," can best be described as "delightful" in the fullest sense of the word. The picture makes no attempt at pretentiousness: it is purely a simple, human story of a shy little girl employee in a five-and-ten-cent store who falls in love with the son of the wealthy owner, at first not knowing his identity. Naturally, difficulties soon crop up, and many obstacles have to be overcome before all ends happily. Mary Pickford is extremely lovable as the little store girl, while Charles Rogers, who takes the male lead, a new comer to the screen, does his full share in making "My Best Girl" an entertaining picture.

"My Best Girl" is specially notable for its humour, the comedy situations having been well worked out by the director, Sam Taylor, well known for his excellent work with Harold Lloyd. Something new in photographic effects has been obtained by the camera-man.

A Peter B. Kyne Film.

The beautiful Yosemite Valley provides the settings for "The Understanding Heart," which will be shown at the World Theatre from to-day to Saturday. The story has been adapted from the well known novel by Peter B. Kyne and concerns the lives of forest rangers at their lonely outposts. Joan Crawford plays the part of a young girl whose work it is to watch for forest fires from a station which is placed at the summit of a high hill. Now, during a terrific blizzard, she is finally rescued from her perilous position, makes a thrilling climax to an exciting picture. Carmel Myers and Rockcliffe Fellowes, head the supporting cast. Plenty of comedy relief is provided by Richard Carle and Harvey Clark, two old foresters who have a secret "still" and are forever trying to hide their guilt. "The Understanding Heart" was directed by Jack Conway who came to public notice through his work in "Brown of Harvard."

"The Sap" at Star.

A lad who has been pampered all his life by his mother is the central figure in "The Sap," which comes to the Star Theatre to-day. During the war, the mother's boy is drafted to France, and through a mistake he is credited with having effected the capture of twenty-two of the enemy and is decorated for his supposed bravery. Back home he is acclaimed as a hero until the town bully steps in and reveals the fact that the lad is a coward. After many humiliations and struggles, however, he finally vindicates himself in a terrific fight with the bully. Kenneth Harlan is ably supported by an excellent cast which includes Mary McAllister, David Butler and Heinie Conklin. "The Sap" will be shown until Saturday.

JAVA FACTORY EXPLOSION.

MANY LIVES LOST.

Batavia, Mar. 6.
A large fire-work factory at Koedoes, near Semarang, exploded from unknown causes, and caused damage over the whole neighbourhood.

A hundred houses in the neighbourhood of the factory were totally destroyed.

So far, 20 bodies have been found and 50 injured people, but many are still entombed in the ruins.

Officials in the neighbouring towns sent assistance.

Tomato juice has been found equal to orange juice in preventing scurvy among children.

WOMAN'S WORLD

FOR OUR LADY READERS.

Fortune-Telling.

HAS BECOME VERY POPULAR.

Why do people have their fortunes told? Do they seriously believe what is said to them by the "spac-wife," or do they, as they generally maintain, merely patronise her for fun?

Fortune-telling, it seems, is becoming more and more popular as a sort of semi-serious pastime among women, and great is the demand on the services of the amateur who has mastered the art of telling fortunes by cards, tea-leaves, or any of the other accredited means.

The eagerness of women to indulge in this form of amusement is, of course, often held up against them as a sign of utter want of common-sense, yet Eve continues to go on her way to the most renowned fortune-teller of the moment quite unconcerned.

To tell the truth, very little harm seems to have been done by the little adventure, in most cases.

Victorian Ornaments.

THE VOGUE OF THE CHINA FIGURE.

From the massed formation of the Victorian ornaments at least one worthy thing has emerged to be recreated in modern manner, and that is the china figure. Whereas once it was submerged in a heterogeneous collection of knick-knacks, now its solitary place of honour accords full display to its characteristics and colour, so that it strikes the keynote of a room.

A favourite manner of displaying these figures, and one that strikes quite a new note in lighting and decoration, is to have them mounted on a stand together with a short electric light standard. The shade makes a "ray canopy" of colour, and is, of course, in keeping with the spirit of the figures. Thus, a satin-coated galleon is bending the knee to a little lady in hooped skirts and ringlets. Above their heads is a soft curved

Waving the Hair.

ADD A LITTLE PERFUME.

There are few women to whom wavy hair is unbecoming; the majority it changes from mediocrity to winsome charm. And Mother Nature hands out natural waves only to the favoured few, so art steps in and coaxes the kinks and curls.

This is a splendid curling lotion either for application before fixing pins, or as a setting lotion for the water waving.

Put 1 oz. of gum acacia into a bottle, and add 4 ozs. of carbonate of soda, 1 oz. of bay rum, and warm rain water to 6 ozs.

Add a little perfume to give it fragrance. Damp the hair before fixing the pins, always remembering to wind the hair on to the pins straight; the curl is then much deeper.

For water-waving, damp the hair with the lotion then fix the combs in the most becoming manner. Pull the hair well up between the combs and do not remove them until the hair is bone dry. Then



Typical of Parisian spring hats is this turban of beige grosgrain, "literally wound and smothered" in rows of brown and ecru chenille; the frock is of the "pinkish beige" so popular in the French capital, having a simple pleated skirt and blouse embellished by four triangular inserts of cream lace.

Rather does the curious one come back, as a rule, buoyed by the assurance of bright days to come, pleasant surprises, and unexpected journeyings.

Really bad news never seems to be conveyed in these mysterious colloquies without some promised happiness offered as a consolation. But whatever we think of the folly of trying to wrest the secrets of the future from the guardianship of time, there is one thing sure, and that is that there is something hopeful in the making of the attempt.

It is a fault of young minds and childish hearts, and surely, as such may be easily forgiven. The time comes soon enough when the future holds so little of promise that it can inspire no effort to peer into its shadowy recesses.

shade in dull pink painted with garlands of flowers.

The figures are equally attractive when used as centrepieces for the mantle-shelf or a side table.

There is the Victorian Lady with her crinoline and bright red shawl, and the "Parson's Daughter" with downcast eyes and modest mien, though her gay-coloured clothes seem to hint at a certain liveliness in the lady.

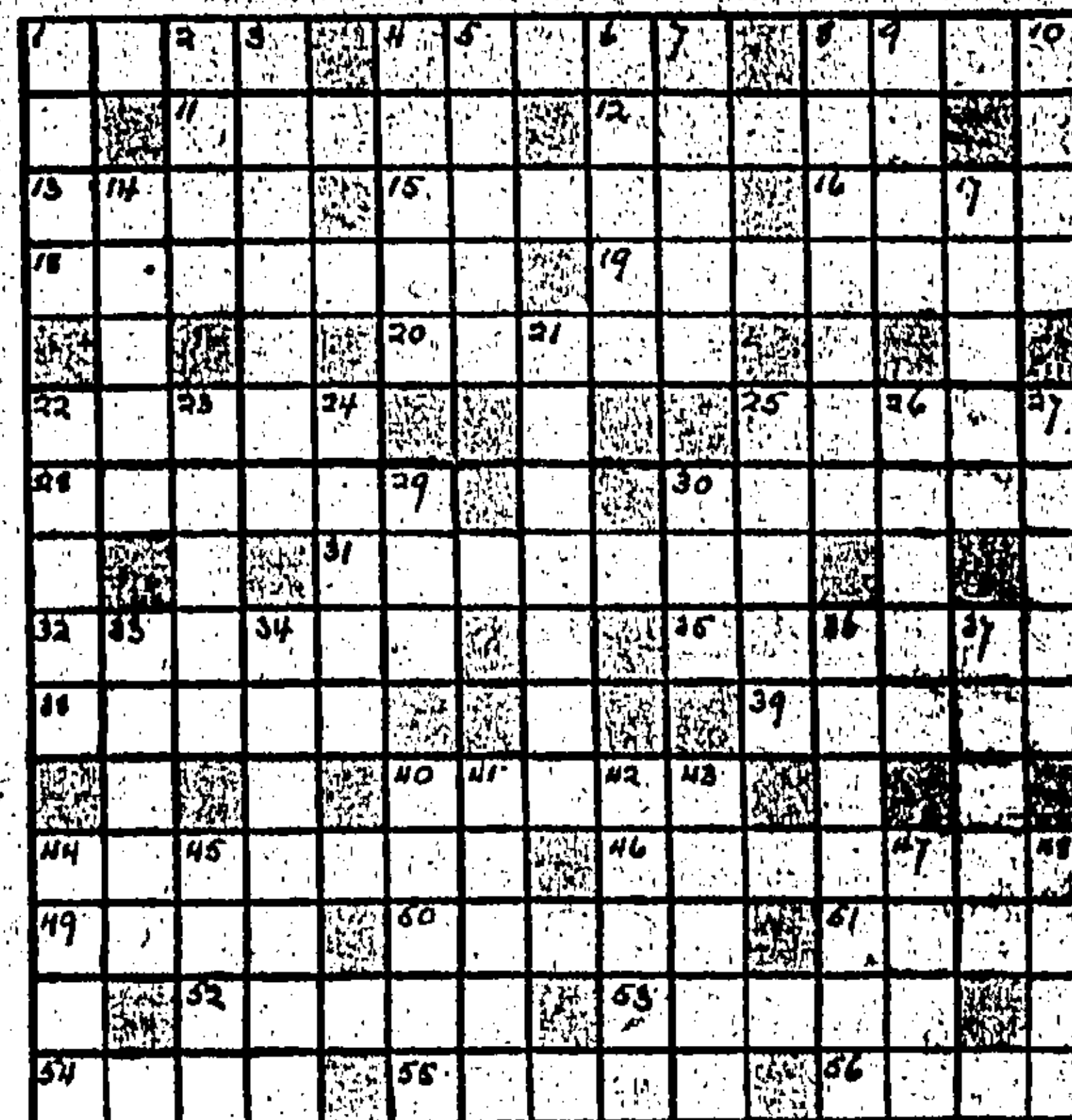
But maybe you would rather be completely modern in decoration, in which case there are such attractive statuettes as "The Lido Lady," a pretty pyjama'd vision in pinks and creams; or "Negligee," which has an ethereal delicacy and charm marvellous in china. "The Butterfly Girl" and "Pierette" portray Miss 1928 in fancy dress, the former a masterpiece in colour harmony, and the latter proof

remove the combs and with the fingers dipped in the lotion arrange the hair in the most becoming manner. If the hair is rather dry, pour a few spots of brilliantine into the palm of the hand, and dip the hair brush into it. Brush lightly through the hair, and finally polish with a silk handkerchief. If inclined to be greasy, brush a little bay rum through it.

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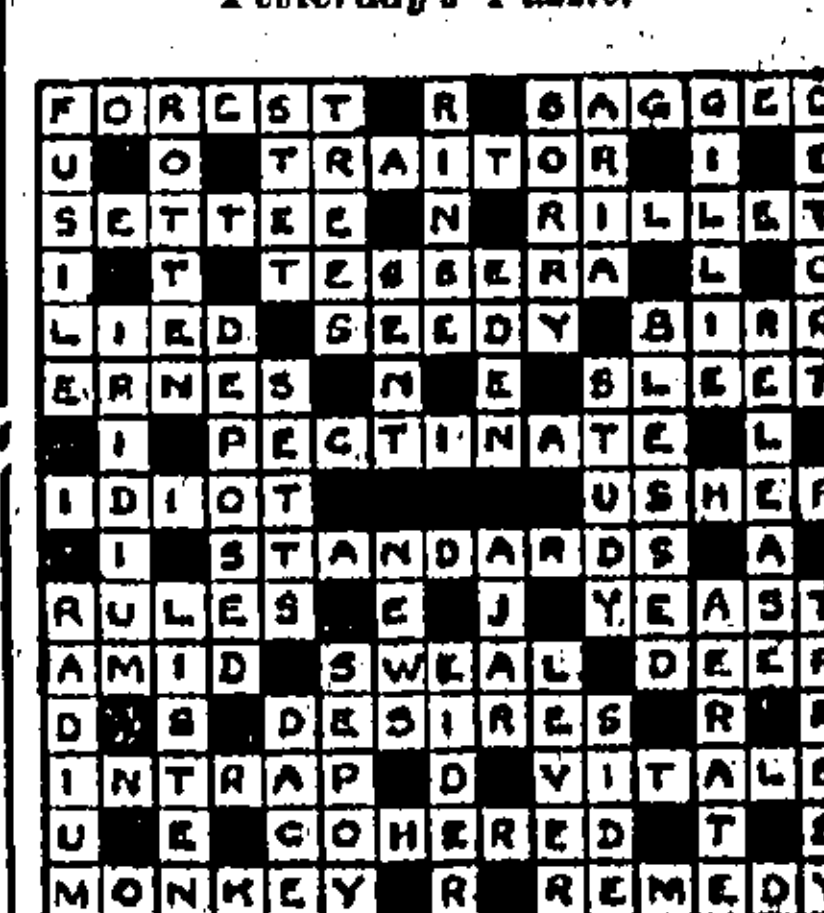
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- Across.
- 1 Magnesian laminated mineral.
 - 4 Sudden fall in value.
 - 8 Weaved.
 - 11 Genus of Palms.
 - 12 The great artery.
 - 13 Temple (poet).
 - 15 Minute Particles.
 - 16 Imitator.
 - 18 Supporting frame.
 - 19 Fabled marine-creature.
 - 20 Fear.
 - 22 Small cup-like vessel.
 - 25 Depository.
 - 28 Warmed.
 - 30 Calm.
 - 31 Skiod.
 - 32 King of the fairies.
 - 35 Shrow.
 - 38 Saloon.
 - 39 Lubber.
 - 40 Compound of fatty acids.
 - 44 Place.
 - 46 Worthy of being named.
 - 49 First man.
 - 50 Something admitted.
 - 51 Desire.
 - 52 Dogma.
 - 53 Prey.
 - 54 Pare.
 - 55 Festivity.
 - 56 American coin.

- Down.
- 1 Cluster.
 - 2 Narrow passage.
 - 3 Lamp suspended on pivots.
 - 4 Burn with hot liquor.
 - 5 Came after.
 - 6 Mother.
 - 7 Assumed for effect.
 - 8 Stutter.
 - 9 Father.
 - 10 Spikenard.
 - 14 Debate.

- 17 Image.
- 21 Graceful.
- 22 Disorder.
- 23 Jury.
- 24 Fruit.
- 25 Intricate.
- 26 In secrecy.
- 27 Smooth-plied textile fabric.
- 29 Noise.
- 30 Fixed.
- 33 Freed from water.
- 34 Juice of roses mixed with honey.
- 36 Romance.
- 37 White Poplar.
- 40 Species of large duck.
- 41 Condition.
- 42 Take effect.
- 43 Rameous.
- 44 Wet.
- 45 Top of the head.
- 47 Sesame.
- 48 Prepare for publication.



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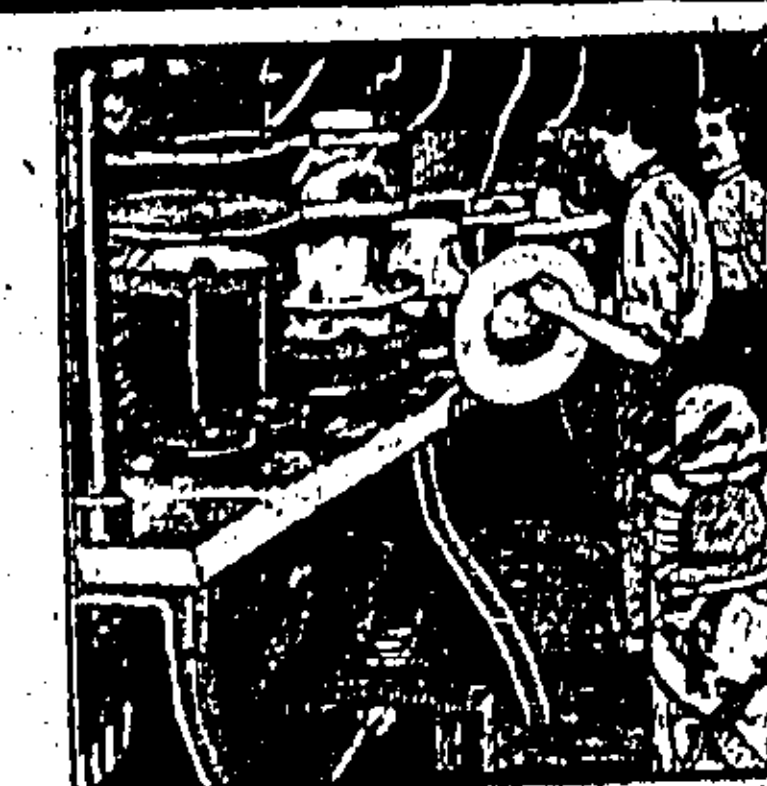
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is laid, has been retained through expert lighting and photography in the picture—and all of the intimate and beautiful thoughts which made the stage play so great have been kept through direction and acting. Frank Borzage, who directed the production, has achieved a masterpiece. "7th Heaven" is a picture that cannot be too highly praised, according to the opinion of London, Paris and New York critics.

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MARRIAGE.

KEW—HO.—On March the 14th,
at the Union Church, by the
Rev. J. Kirk Macdonald, Al-
bert Edward Kew, third son
of Mr. Charles Herbert White-
ley Kew, to Nancy Joyce,
daughter of Mrs. Ho Fook and
the late Mr. Ho Fook.

BIRTH.

HARRIS.—On March 13th, at
"Beaulieu" Kingsway, Hove,
to Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Harris,
a daughter.The
Hongkong Telegraph.

THURSDAY, MARCH 15, 1928.

A BIG MISTAKE.

One of the most interesting items
of news to come over the cables
yesterday was the report, from
Chinese sources, that the National-
ist Government has ordered Marshal
Li Chai-sum to proceed to Nan-
king to assume the office of Chief
of Staff, to which he has been re-
appointed. This is the post which
Marshal Li formerly held, but since
his return to the South it has been
filled by General Ho Ying-ching,
who is, apparently, again to be
made subsidiary to Li Chai-sum.Yesterday's message added, on the
word of a prominent Nanking lead-
er, that Marshal Li would
shortly be leaving for the National-
ist capital, together with General
Chan Ming-shiu, so it would seem
that all arrangements have been
made for the transfer.Opinion here in the South will, we
are sure, be definitely one of regret
if it so happens that Marshal Li
does leave Canton. Since his re-
cent return, Li Chai-sum has creat-
ed an altogether admirable impres-
sion by the manner in which he has
been dealing with the many prob-
lems facing the Canton Administra-
tion. In talk with Chinese of all
shades of opinion, we have found a
consensus of view that he is prov-
ing himself the "strong man" so
long needed in the South. We have
only to cast our minds over the
nature of the Canton news during
the past few weeks to realise that
Marshal Li has the correct impres-
sion of what is required here in the
South. He has been dealing with
Canton's many problems in a man-
ner which has won him increasing
confidence. He has succeeded in
stopping the rot in the depreciation
of Canton's banknotes, he is now
engaged on the reorganisation of the
Mint, and he is busy devising
means whereby trade and commercemay be relieved from the intoler-
able burdens of the past. His
strong action in the direction of
controlling the Labour Unions, both
in Canton and in adjacent districts,
has deeply impressed the people.
In the realm of provincial matters,
Marshal Li has organised big
schemes for the suppression of
pirates and bandits, some of which
are already taking effect, to say
nothing of the campaign initiated
against the Lukfung "Reds." He
has also promised commerce relief
from excessive taxation. These
are only a few of the matters to
which Marshal Li has been and is
still giving attention. It will there-
fore readily be understood that if
he is now called away on military
affairs, there must be a distinct
break in the work of reconstruction
to which he and his colleagues are
putting their hands, and which se-
verely calls for concentrated
effort. More than that, his de-
parture would, we feel sure, cause
considerable uneasiness to develop
amongst the people of Canton.Marshal Chiang Kai-shek, in the
course of an interview in Shanghai
last week, asserted that on the
question of the military expedition
against the North there were no
differences of opinion within the
ranks of the Kuomintang. He ad-
ded that both Canton and Hankow
would support the campaign. It is
doubtless in accordance with this
idea of preserving Kuomintang
unity that the Nanking Government
has now ordered Marshal Li Chai-
sum to the North. All the same,
we cannot but regret the develop-
ment. We all know what transpired
once before when Marshal Li
left Canton, and we do not hesitate
to say that, in the present circum-
stances, his departure would not
only be bad for South China, but
would also weaken, rather than
strengthen, Kuomintang moderate
influence. There is, moreover, no
call for Canton to participate
actively in the Northern expedition.
The Southern armies have had quite
enough of warfare to last them for
a long time, and they could not now
be better employed than in preserv-
ing stability here in the South.
Even within the past few months,
Chinese and foreigners alike have
seen the practical results of sound
rule in Kwangtung. But there is
still much to be done. That being
the case, the leaders of the Kuom-
intang in South China would do well
to represent to the Nanking Gov-
ernment that it would be a first-
class error were Marshal Li to be
called from the scenes of his la-
bours at this critical juncture.

The Hunan Massacres.

When a German engineer and
his wife reach the sanctuary of
a foreign settlement on the verge
of a nervous breakdown as the
direct result of horrifying experi-
ences in the hands of Chinese
desperadoes, the seriousness of the
situation in South Hunan and the
extreme north of Kwangtung must
assume a different aspect in the
eyes of the European population
of China. It is regrettable that
unrestrained Chinese hordes are
always so prone to terrible ex-
cesses that, beyond a passing word
of criticism, scanty attention is
paid, as a general rule, to such
murmurings as are coming
through daily from the Leiyang
district of the ghastly orgy of
slaughter and destruction carried
out by so-called Communists. The
telegram which we published yes-
terday from Hankow telling of
the brutality to which two for-
eigners, one a lady, were subject-
ed, and the evidence that they too
would have been murdered but for
knowledge of medical matters,
brings the situation home to us
more effectively than anything
else could have done, though at
the moment we cannot see what
redress is securable for the out-
rage. Marshal Pei Chung-hai was
supposed to have been engaged in
ending the reign of terror, and
it is deplorable to note that his
efforts have been relaxed. It is
the only inference which can be
drawn. He "captured" Belyang,
but it seems fairly clear that his
efforts began and ended with en-
tering the city of blackened ruins,
and permitting the floods to pass
on to continue their dreadful cam-
paign elsewhere. That such a
situation can exist in the heart
of China, that a rabble can be
organised disorganisation be per-
mitted unchallenged to wreak
such havoc, butcher thousands of
innocent persons, within forty

DAY BY DAY.

LEISURE FOR MEN OF BUSINESS,
AND BUSINESS FOR MEN OF LEISURE,
WOULD CURE MANY COMPLAINTS.—
Mrs. Thrale.Yesterday's health return shows
two Chinese cases of small-pox.The Chartered Bank has opened a
branch at Harbin, North Man-
churia.The P. and O. s.s. Kashmir, from
Shanghai, is due here at 6 a.m. to-
morrow.The B. I. s.s. Talma is to leave
Amoy on Saturday, and is due here
on the following day.The B. I. s.s. Santhia, which
left Singapore on Tuesday, is due
here on the 19th instant.A Singapore paper states that
Sir Henry Gompertz is proceeding
on leave by the P. and O. liner
Mantua on April 6th.Mr. D. Buchanan, son of Mr. G.
Buchanan, Chief Engineer of S.S.
Sui Tai, has now been appointed to
a vessel of the China Navigation
Company.The attaché case lost by Mr. Lee,
wireless operator of the S.S. Lung-
shan, has been recovered through
the agency of the police, with the
contents intact.The stall holder of No. 17 fruit
stall in the Central Market reports
to the police that a fox of his,
named Chow Hing-loong, collect-
ed \$423.35 from various shops, on
his behalf, and absconded.Holders of tickets for the ortho-
phonic gramophone, being raffled
by the Misses Aileen and Doris
Woods, are informed that the draw-
ing will take place on Saturday
morning, the 31st of March.Amongst the passengers who ar-
rived by the Empress of Asia to-
day were Mr. and Mrs. P. W.
Parker, Mr. and Mrs. V. M. Gray-
burn, Mr. P. W. Massey, Mr. D.
Timmins and Mr. N. M. Currie.Bad weather, with heavy gales
and high seas, are reported by all
vessels arriving from the south.
To the north, conditions are some-
what better, but generally stormy
weather has been experienced.The s.s. Apocry returned from sea
this morning, after clearing for
Swatow in ballast, reporting engine
and steering gear trouble when off
Single Island. She has been taken
in hand at Taikoo Dock for repairs.The s.s. Sui Tai, running between
Hongkong and Macao, is to be taken
in hand at Taikoo Dock for bottom
cleaning this afternoon, and in
consequence there is no late sailing
to-day. Full service will be re-
sumed to-morrow.A Chinese appeared before Mr.
R. E. Lindsell this morning in con-
nexion with the stabbing affray in
a tea-house in Wanchai. He was
charged with stabbing a waiter em-
ployed at No. 237, Queen's Road
East. The police informed his Wor-
ship that the waiter was still in
hospital, and applied for a week's
formal remand, which was granted.The Helena May Institute will
give its final Musical on Thurs-
day on Thursday 22nd March
at 5.30 p.m. Mrs. Womack, Mr.
Glover and Mr. Gardner will sing,
Mrs. Hargreaves Browne and
Mrs. Griggs will accompany. A
concerto will be played by Mrs.
Cashman and Mr. Bowes-Smith on
two pianos. Violinists—Mrs.
Balean, Mrs. Aubrey and Miss
Acheson. Tables for tea must be
booked by Wednesday afternoon
at the latest.—Advt.miles of a powerful military
leader, is the most conclusive
illustration of China's unprepared-
ness for treaty revision. If Pei
Chung-hai was sincere in his task
of ending the terrorism once and
for all, we might look upon the
matter sympathetically. If Chinese
leaders are not in a position to,
or are not prepared, to protect
their own nationals from such hor-
rible excesses, what possible guar-
antee can there be for the safety
of foreigners in the hinterland? The
murderous hordes loose in
Hunan have been termed Commu-
nists, but we are not even pre-
pared to accept this definition at
its face value. There may be to
some extent a question of an after-
math of Bolshevik propaganda and
Moscow's malignant influence, but
China's horridness, militarism
must be held largely to blame. We
doubt, at the moment if the bitter
lesson will be learned. The rem-
nants of broken armies, Tang
Seng-chi's from the North and the
"Ironclads" from the South, form
the majority of the desperadoes;
and serious mischief by Soviet
agents has little to do with the
terrible massacres which have
taken place. It is the first duty
of Nationalist China thoroughly
to satisfy foreign observers that
an end will be put to such a
ghastly state of affairs, and in
such a way that a recurrence is
impossible.

CORRESPONDENCE.

PAYING OFF PENNANTS.

[To the Editor, Hongkong
Telegraph.]Sir,—With reference to your
interesting explanation in Tues-
day's paper regarding the length
of "paying off" pennants on His
Majesty's ships, I would like to
state, as an ex-seagoing officer,
that I was always under the im-
pression that the length of the
pennant depended upon the length
of time the ship had been in com-
mission. I understood that for
each day the ship had been in com-
mission, an inch was added to the
length of the pennant, and I and
many others are still under that
impression.Perhaps some authority could
enlighten us on that subject.—
Yours, etc.,

H. N.

Hongkong, Mar. 15th, 1928.

"LITTLE TICH."

[To The Editor of Hongkong
Telegraph.]Sir,—Some short time ago the
death of "Little Tich" was an-
nounced. There has been an argu-
ment amongst us regarding his
proper name. No-one seems to
know and even the papers when he
died did not mention it. Could
you please tell us?—Yours, etc.,

MURRAY.

Hongkong, Mar. 15th, 1928.

[“Little Tich,” was one of
the last of the old comedi-
ans who belonged to the
days when lodgers and land-
ladies were the stock jokes of the
music-hall. In private life he was
Harry Relf, the youngest of four-
teen brothers and sisters, to whom,
in his days of affluence, he was very
generous.—Ed. H.K.T.]

ADMIRALTY COAL.

CASE AGAINST JUNK WOMAN
FAILS.An unsuccessful charge of
larceny of 950 pounds of Welsh
coal, the property of the Admir-
alty, was brought against the mis-
tress of a cargo junk, before Mr.
W. Schofield at the Kowloon
Magistrate's Court this morning.
Stoker Petty Officer W. M.
Lynan, H.M.S. Magnolia, stated
that the vessel had given an order
for the delivery of 220 tons of
coal from the Kowloon Naval
Yard. The coal was placed on
board four junks on Tuesday eve-
ning and the craft then anchored
off the Naval Depot for the night,
discharging the coal the next
morning.At about 2 o'clock yesterday
afternoon, after the junks had
discharged the coal, witness went
on board and examined them
before they left. In a front com-
partment of the defendant's boat,
witness found a large quantity of
coal.The defendant claimed that she
had engaged two coolies on Tues-
day and it was possible that they
had stolen the coal. She was not
aware that there was a quantity
in the front compartment. She
occupied a cabin at the rear of the
junk with three elderly daughters
and a baby eleven days old. The
two male folk slept above the
forward compartment.After hearing the evidence, his
Worship said that the two folk
certainly knew something about
the theft, and in view of the de-
fendant's statement that she had
a child only eleven days ago, it
was possible that she did not know
of the concealment of the coal.
Also there was the fact that the
defendant, being a woman, would
be reluctant to go to the folds
cabins during the night.There was a doubt in the case,
and the defendant must be given
the benefit of that doubt, added
his Worship, in discharging the
accused.

EXCHANGE RATES.

London, Mar. 14.

Paris	124
New York	487 27/32
Brussels	35
Geneva	25 3/4
Amsterdam	12 1/2
Madrid	12 1/2
Berlin	20 1/4
Stockholm	18 1/4
Copenhagen	15 1/2
Oslo	15 1/2
Vienna	16 1/4
Prague	103 1/2
Helsinki	29 0/25
Lisbon	2 1/2
Athens	86 7/8
Bucharest	78 1/4
Rio	5 59/64
Buenos Aires	67 29/32
Bombay	1/6 31/32
Shanghai	2 0/4
Hongkong	1/11 1/16
Yokohama	2 0/4
Silver (spot)	15 1/2
Silver (forward)	20 1/16

—British Wireless.

The Very Idea!

With the approach of Leap Year
Day, preparations were made all
over England to make February 29
a topsy-turvy festival.At the West End hotels and res-
taurants Leap Year Night was to
provide a series of comic and un-
usual happenings.The revels were to be enlivened
by the birthday parties of those
unfortunates whose birthdays oc-
cur on February 29.For the Leap Year Night Fete
at the Savoy some of the dinner
party givers arranged that:The dinner and the wines would
be ordered by the women.

The men would be served first.

The women would ask the men to
dance.The bills would be taken to the
women—who would pay them.The men would apparently have
nothing to do but to be looked after
and amused.Mid cities and villages,
Tho' we may roam,
When the pocketbook's empty
There's no place like home!Where is Christopher Columbus
buried? That is the question.Historians have been telling the
world that his ashes are buried in
Seville, Spain. But Senator M. A.
Cocco, who attended the Pan-
American road convention, takes
issue by asserting the remains are
buried in America—specifically un-
der the great cathedral in Santo
Domingo City.Senator Cocco says that the wife
of Diego Columbus, son of the dis-
coverer, petitioned Charles V to re-
move the ashes of the discoverer
from Valladolid, Spain, to Santo
Domingo. Permission was granted
for the remains to be moved to
Hispania America, according to his
story, and in 1542 burial was effect-
ed under the altar of the cathedral
in Santo Domingo City.“That's the American who caused
a sensation on the golf course to-
day.”

“Why, what did he do?”

“He played a hole in one drink.”

“There is a remarkable change in
the girls of to-day compared with
those of twenty-five years ago,”
says Miss Bacon, chief superinten-
dent of the tea-shop department of
Lyons, who has just completed
twenty-five years of interviewing
prospective Nipples.“They have become shorter and
slimmer. They have adapted them-
selves to the dictates of fashion.”Miss Bacon estimated that she
has interviewed no fewer than
300,000 would-be waitresses.“Many well-educated girls are
becoming waitresses to-day with
the aim of becoming waitresses
or superintendents,” she said.Metal suits may perhaps solve
some of our (tailoring) troubles in
the future, but that does not mean
a return to the days of mail
armour. A young Lett has invent-
ed a process by which fabrics of
most kinds, wood or glass, may be
“penetrated” or covered by metal
to such an extent as to render the
articles strong and durable, and
many times more serviceable than
before. The thickness of the
“metalisation” can be controlled,
and metal can be deposited on a
great variety of other metals. The
inventor says there is no limit to
the variety of ways in which
metalisation can be adopted.Judge: How is it you managed
to extract this man's watch from
his pocket without him knowing
anything about it?Prisoner: My fee, your honor,
is ten guineas for the full course of
six lessons.Canon Lillingston, speaking at a
choristers' dinner at Durham
Cathedral, said the following ad-
vertisement recently appeared in a
provincial newspaper:“Wanted, steady man to look
after garden to milk cow who has
good voice and is accustomed to
sing in choir.”The illusion of complete freedom
is the everlasting horizon of all our
secret dreams.—Ethel Mannin.Criticism is the breath of life of
the theatre and one of the most de-
lightful things we can have.—
Margaret Scudamore.Motoring is an example of the
paradoxical tyranny of the modern
madness of machine worship.—Mr.
G. L. Chester.Every penny of the £20,000,000
worth of eggs and poultry we im-
port annually could be produced in
this country if the fox and hunt
menace were absent.—Mr. E. B.
Amos.Advance booking for the dress
circle is now open at the Queen's
Theatre for “7th Heaven,” the re-
markable film, which will be
screened for seven days starting
Sunday. Like “Ban Hui,” the
picture is an exceptionally long
one, and only three performances
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HAYNES LIBEL ACTION FAILS.

(Continued from Page 1.)

went to Shanghai, where he secured an appointment as a reporter on the staff of the Shanghai Mercury. Only a week later he was given full charge of the paper as editor. He stayed there for just under three years; when he had a quarrel with the Directors and left. He then became night editor for Reuters, where he remained for six months. He resigned from that position of his own accord.

Continuing, Mr. Haynes said he came back to Hongkong and arrived on September 1st, 1926. He had an interview with Mr. Burnett who gave him a job on the spot. He did not, however, get on very well with a member of the staff with whom he had worked some years ago previously in the Malay States. A break came and he (Mr. Haynes) left in February, 1927. He immediately took up the position of a resident master at St. Joseph's College within two weeks.

"I should like to say that Mr. Burnett and I parted on very good terms. From then onwards there was nothing disagreeable between us until December 13th.

His Lordship:—On that date what was your employment?

After some hesitation, Mr. Haynes replied that he was then doing nothing.

A "Nose for News."

Mr. Haynes said he was gifted with what journalists called a "nose for news" and in any way he could help the China Mail he did so. He contributed as a "free lance" for which he was sometimes paid and sometimes not. He wrote the dramatic criticisms of "Merrie England" and "Bulldog Drummond."

On December 13th, a Monday, he called upon Mr. Burnett with reference to remuneration for some work done. On the previous Saturday, he was held up on the steps of the Theatre Royal and asked if he would forego his evening's engagement and cover the Tung On piracy, reported by a wireless message, which had just come through. He was told that the Sunday Herald had no one to attend it. Mr. Haynes added that he had been working for the Herald all day, at the Magistracy in the morning, and lawn bowls at Kowloon in the afternoon. It was only by reason of the fact that he had been dining with Mr. Dobbie, the night editor of the paper, that they had known where to find him.

Payment Refused.

However, Mr. Haynes went on to say, he agreed to attend to the piracy and worked on the waterfront until past midnight. When he interviewed Mr. Burnett, the claim for remuneration was disputed, on the grounds that he had not engaged him (Mr. Haynes), saying that he had been engaged by Mr. Dobbie. Mr. Haynes continued that that was ridiculous, but Mr. Burnett refused to pay. He (Mr. Haynes) then went home and wrote what he considered to be a really courteous letter to Mr. Burnett, to which he received no reply, so he issued a writ. Mr. Dobbie was sent round to see him the day before the case was due for hearing, with a view to accepting a compromise which, after some discussion he (Mr. Haynes) accepted. From that moment onwards he was bound to say that Mr. Burnett appeared to have deliberately set out to attack him.

The Christie Case.

Last September, continued Mr. Haynes, he was approached by a man named James Christie, whom he knew to be a member of the gang of Company promoters who got him into trouble in England in 1922. Christie asked Haynes to do certain things, but he "just listened." Afterwards, he went straight to Mr. H. T. King, Director of Criminal Intelligence, and told him exactly what had occurred, and upon Mr. King's instructions, he cultivated Christie's acquaintance. Ultimately, Christie and another man were arrested, charged at the Central Magistracy, found guilty and sentenced.

For reasons which he had not been able to ascertain, the defending solicitor considered it his business to unravel a somewhat deplorable episode of his (Mr. Haynes) life in 1922. From his point of view it meant four years' work of rehabilitation crashed to the ground in one stroke.

Mr. Alabaster remarked that the solicitor mentioned by Mr. Haynes did not mean the present defendant's solicitor.

A Disgrace.

Continuing, Mr. Haynes said as far as the other newspapers were concerned the facts involving himself were reported absolutely fairly, but the manner in which they were reported by the China Mail I can only describe as revolting and a disgrace to British journalism.

His Lordship:—What is the date of this report you so describe?

Mr. Haynes:—It runs through the months of November and December last year.

His Lordship:—I am not concerned with that.

Mr. Haynes:—I overlooked this, because at that time I was practically a broken man.

His Lordship remarked that there was no need to deal with matters outside the writ.

Mr. Haynes went on to say that he was going home and everything was arranged, but the same determination which brought him back to China made him decide to stay, whatever happened.

Poster Lines.

Mr. Haynes, referring to the recent Law Society prosecution, said the summons was one of the ordinary kind heard every week in the Police Courts. Dozens were heard by the Magistrates during the week, cases ranging from stray dogs to tyrannical amahs. They covered all kinds of offences, offences about which nothing had been heard before.

Referring to the China Mail newspaper poster on this case, Mr. Haynes said when he was walking along the street on the same day, he saw a poster with tremendous black lines "Haynes Discharged."

Continuing, Mr. Haynes said:—

"Who is this person?"

His Lordship:—That was not on the poster?

Mr. Haynes:—No, my Lord. I am trying to convey the impression of the man in the street. This was not a man who had been heard of for weeks previously; not a man who had been in the public eye. The penalty for the offence was not even imprisonment. But there were those words on the poster. You had not to pay ten cents to get this information.

Double Column Heading.

Continuing, he said that when ten cents had been paid for the paper, it was found that the same words appeared in a double column headline on the top of the first two columns on the front page. The report was continued on Page 7. Mr. Haynes put in a copy of the China Mail for February 8th.

His Lordship:—Your summons was the only one finished on that occasion.

Mr. Haynes:—It was withdrawn.

His Lordship:—Two other summonses were outstanding and the report indicated that the other two summonses had still to be heard?

Mr. Haynes:—Yes.

Mr. Haynes said that the words complained of also appeared on Page 7 in the text and also as a sub-heading. It was rather unfortunate that the actual poster had not been put in.

"I submit," he said, "that the action, and I shall call evidence to support my submission, in handling the case in this manner can only have been actuated by malice. No sane journalist would deliberately set out to pillory a man in such a manner. They have practically taken it upon themselves to invent a case against me. You can't get out of a bath until you get in it, neither can a man be discharged before he is charged. If you would like to hear me on Lord Darley and ailing newspapers...."

His Lordship intimated that he did not desire to hear Mr. Haynes on the law at that stage.

"Public Ridicule."

His Lordship:—You say you have actually suffered damage by this report—I have been held up to public ridicule.

His Lordship:—You have not lost any employment? Nothing of that kind has happened?

Mr. Haynes:—No I am not suing for damages on that score, merely fighting Kaiserism.

Mr. Haynes called as a witness Mr. O. T. Breakpear, editor of the Hongkong Daily Press, who said he appeared under subpoena.

Mr. Haynes, (addressing Mr. Breakpear) said, "You don't know why I have asked you to come here. I am taking a risk. You may be for me or against me."

A copy of the Hongkong Daily Press for February 9 was produced and Mr. Alabaster remarked they should have been supplied with copies.

Mr. Haynes (to witness): Is there anything in that paper about my having been charged or discharged?

"Perhaps Equally Offensive."

His Lordship:—It says something which is perhaps equally offensive, that you figured prominently, Mr. Haynes.

Mr. Breakpear was understood to say that the report said Mr. Haynes was discharged. His Lordship commenting that the language was attributed to Mr. Lindsell himself.

Handed a copy of the poster, Mr. Breakpear was asked by Mr. Haynes: "Having regard to the

facts of this case, a summons in the Police Court, would you regard a poster such as that, consistent with journalistic ethics."

His Lordship:—I don't think I will ask him to answer that question. It is one for the Court. You must leave that to me.

Questioned by Mr. Alabaster, witness said the report of the case said Mr. Blake prosecuted and that Mr. Lindsell said to the plaintiff "You are discharged," not once but twice.

Mr. J. T. Dobbie was next called and said he was an editor by profession with over 29 years' experience. He was at present unemployed. In reply to questions he said he had known the plaintiff for some years. Witness was on the staff of the China Mail and Sunday Herald in December last year.

Reported Efficiently.

Replying to further questions, Mr. Dobbie said he recalled December 11 when Mr. Haynes undertook reporting work covering a Police Court, lawn bowls and a piracy.

His Lordship:—He reported efficiently?—Yes.

In reply to His Lordship, witness said he was not present at an interview which took place on the following Monday, but he was sent for later by Mr. Burnett. Mr. Haynes did the reporting work with Mr. Burnett's knowledge.

Mr. Dobbie went on to explain how the staff was employed on the Saturday when Mr. Haynes undertook reporting work, and said the paper eventually "went to bed" about three o'clock on the Sunday morning.

Mr. Haynes:—I worked practically 17 consecutive hours?—Yes.

For Everyone to See.

Mr. Haynes:—What happened on the Tuesday?—Mr. Burnett showed me a copy of a letter you had sent to him. It was posted on the notice board.

Mr. Haynes:—For everyone to see?—Yes.

In reply to further questions witness said he was later shown a writ and was understood to explain that there was some discussion with regard to payment for Mr. Haynes' work.

Mr. Dobbie said the writ was also posted on the notice board, and in reply to Mr. Haynes words were spoken to the effect that if Mr. Haynes came upstairs he would be kicked out.

Witness said nothing further happened until the eve of the day on which the writ was down for hearing when Mr. Burnett called witness into his office and said he would endeavour to compromise.

Mr. Dobbie as Pencil-maker.

Mr. Haynes:—He sent you round as pencil-maker?—Yes.

We met at the Cafe Regent and had a prolonged interview?—Yes.

What were the explicit conditions upon which I agreed to accept that compromise?—That I would not be penalised in any way.

Mr. Haynes:—The case was withdrawn on the condition that you should not be penalised?—Yes.

And a few days' later you were given notice?—Yes.

His Lordship:—Mr. Dobbie's position is not involved in this case.

Returning to the case before the Magistrate, Mr. Haynes asked witness if he heard Mr. Lindsell use the word "discharged" and witness replied that to the best of his knowledge, he could not remember that.

Mr. Haynes said he made application for copy of the depositions and Mr. Lindsell said: "I don't think I can hear you. The case against you is finished."

Not On Official Duty.

Cross examined by Mr. Alabaster, Mr. Dobbie said he did not take a report of the Magistracy proceedings, not being there on official duty.

Mr. Alabaster:—In the report in the Daily Press you see these words: "The summons against you is withdrawn. You are discharged."

"Might I ask you one question? In what connexion, you are discharged." That is the report in that paper. It says Mr. Lindsell used the word twice. Are you prepared to say he did not use them?—It is not a verbatim report.

Mr. Alabaster referred to the Hongkong Telegraph of the 8th and said there was a heading "Haynes Discharged" and some remarks between Mr. Lindsell and the plaintiff.

His Lordship:—Is it not a fact that the same report appears in some other paper?

Newspaper Connections.

Mr. Alabaster:—Certain papers work together, but there is no suggestion that the Telegraph and the Daily Press work together. There are two papers in the same building, the Telegraph and the Morning Post but the others are entirely dissociated.

Mr. Dobbie:—The Daily Press of the 9th may have the same report as the Telegraph of the 8th.

Mr. Alabaster:—To go back to the 11th of December when you say you were short-handed. You considered it right to do your best to

serve your paper by taking on the assistance of Mr. Haynes?—Yes.

And later Mr. Burnett queried your right to do so?—Yes.

Mr. Alabaster:—So there was a little friction but ultimately it was settled by the payment of \$30 odd to Mr. Haynes?—Yes.

Battalion of Reporters.

Mr. Haynes put further questions to Mr. Dobbie and asked if the first thing done when the staff arrived in the morning was to plagiarise a copy of the morning newspapers.

Witness replied that evening newspapers had to publish some of the previous day's events.

Mr. Haynes:—And as far as the case is concerned the China Mail would not have two reporters in Court. We have a battalion of reporters here to-day.

Mr. Dobbie was understood to reply that some reporters worked together on a case.

Mr. Haynes:—So it would not be extraordinary if one paper had the same report as another?

Compromise.

Mr. L. E. Haynes then went into the witness-box, and produced a letter which he wrote to the China Mail in regard to a claim for "professional services" rendered, and in which after stating that "prevention is better than cure" where recourse to a Court of law is concerned, expressed his willingness to accept the sum of \$20 as a compromise, although he valued his services at a much higher figure.

Saying that the object of his action was to put an end to persecutions of a like nature, witness then produced copies of the China Mail which he said were part of the same comment to which he took exception.

Reading from plaintiff's statement of claim in which he declared that the words "Haynes Discharged" as published both in the newspaper report and the newspaper poster were intended to and did convey to the public of this Colony the impression that plaintiff had been dismissed from employment, Mr. Alabaster asked if it was not a fact that plaintiff had just admitted he was out of employment at the material date.

Plaintiff:—I denied it.

Doing Business.

What were you doing on the 8th February?—I was doing what I was doing, business.

That is to say as proprietor and editor of the Hongkong Observer?—Yes, and also as the South China Trade Protection Association.

Mr. Alabaster again asked witness if he seriously thought that the lines "Law Society v. Haynes Discharged" as they appeared on the poster, conveyed to the public the idea that he had been dismissed from employment.

Witness affirmed that as they appeared in the way they did on the poster, the words did convey that meaning.

Mr. Alabaster:—But there was nothing in the report itself to suggest you were discharged from employment?—Witness admitted that was so.

Same Word.

Reading from the second part of plaintiff's statement of his case, where plaintiff claimed, also, that the word "discharged" as appearing both in the newspaper report and poster, was a deliberate misstatement of the facts involved in that case, Mr. Alabaster put it to witness that the Magistrate himself, not once but twice, used the word "discharged," whatever the Magistrate might mean by that; and that the other newspapers which reported the case, had used the same word.

Witness alleged that there was only one reporter in Court, as far as he could remember.

Mr. Alabaster:—You say you were not discharged?—I certainly was not discharged, in a case of this nature.

Witness submitted that the proper word to use in a summons case was not "discharged." Where Mr. D. H. Blake, the solicitor concerned in that case, was reported to have "withdrawn the charge," witness held that the proper wording should have been "withdrawn the summons," because, witness added, there was no charge.

Could be "Convicted."

Quoting from the Section under which the plaintiff in that case was summoned by the Hongkong Law Society, for the alleged offence of practicing or acting as a solicitor, Mr. Alabaster pointed to the words "shall upon summary conviction be liable to a fine not exceeding \$1,000."

Mr. Alabaster:—You will not think that it was not an offence for which you can be convicted?—Witness replied that it was not an offence for which one could be held in custody.

Custody of the Court or custody of the Police?—It is not an offence for which you are liable to arrest.

Mr. Alabaster pointed out that the section in the Ordinance suggested conviction; consequently, a man appearing in Court in connexion with that section, could be convicted.

REBEL GENERAL SUBJUGATED.

CLASH AT WUSUEH NOW OVER.

Shanghai, Mar. 14. The fighting which has taken place in Wusueh involves a clash between two contingents of General Poi Chung-hsi's army.

General Poi received information that the Third Division under General Ho Tia-ling, stationed in Wusueh, were doubtful in attitude towards his command.

The Hankow chief sent Generals Lo Chi-kiang and Chien Chun to disarm Ho's division, which resisted.

The fighting continued till late last evening and resulted in victory to the force loyal to General Poi.

The rebels were disarmed and General Ho Tia-ling captured.

This morning, Ho was escorted by a heavy guard to Hankow where he will be personally tried by General Poi Chung-hsi.

Both forces sustained casualties during the fighting but no heavy damage was done to the city of Wusueh where order was restored immediately.

General Lo Chi-kiang's division has been ordered to take charge of the garrison of Wusueh—Nam Chung Pao.

GENERAL CHIEN JOINS CHIANG.

ANOTHER ALLY IN NORTHERN EXPEDITION.

Shanghai, Mar. 14. General Chien Ta-chun, formerly Police Commissioner in Canton, left Shanghai this evening for Nanking to interview Marshal Chiang Kai-shek.

General Chien is Commander of the 32nd Nationalist Army. His forces recently took part in the war against the Ironclads on the side of Marshal Li Chai-sum, but have recently arrived in Kiangsi after a long journey across the provinces of Kwangtung, Fukien and Chekiang. Chien himself arrived in Shanghai a few days ago, and is volunteering to Marshal Chiang for joining the Northern expedition.—Nam Chung Pao.

Witness was asked to suggest what alternative expression a Magistrate might use in place of the words "the summons against you is dismissed."

He replied that the Magistrate probably would have said:—"You are discharged."

Mr. Alabaster:—That is what we suggest he did say.

Meaning of "Discharge."

Mr. Alabaster then looked up the definition of the word "discharge" in standard dictionaries, and amongst other meanings set out in the volume which he took up, this definition was set out:—"To relieve of something weighing upon or impending over one, as for example a debt, claim, obligation, accusation, etc.—to absolve, to acquit or to exonerate of guilt."

Witness denied that the Magistrate did use the word "discharge."

Mr. Alabaster:—It will make a difference in the case if they say what he did say.

Witness:—It might help your case.

Witness said that in a considered statement, issued later, Mr. Lindsell employed the words:—"The summons must be dismissed."

No Case.

Plaintiff having signified that this evidence would close his case, Mr. Alabaster, in submitting that the defendant had no case to answer, was about to address the Court, when his Lordship said:—"I won't trouble you. I don't think there is a case."

Plaintiff said that he brought the action not for the purpose of pecuniary reward but to stop what, obviously to him, was persecution. They had the authority of Mr. Lindsell that the reporting of Police Court cases was lamentable, and it did seem to him most astounding that people could continue deliberately to deter his own efforts to make good. A man placed in his position would have jumped into the harbour.

Plaintiff complained that in another case in which he was involved, "Haynes Again" appeared as a heading for its report of the case, and he asked if it was not malice which inspired this heading.

"Let Out of Little."

His Lordship:—It is clear in my mind that the words complained of are not defamatory and cannot possibly carry a defamatory interpretation. It seems to me in this action an attempt has been made to make a lot out of little. The action must fall to the ground. Judgment was given for the defendant, with costs.



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THE WORLD OF SPORT

SCOTTISH CUP
DRAW.

RANGERS AND CELTIC
FOR FINAL.

LOOKS ALMOST CERTAIN.

London, Mar. 14.—
The draw for the semi-finals of
the Scottish Cup Competition was
made to-day, and resulted as fol-
lows:
Hibernians v Rangers.
At Tynecastle Park, Edinburgh.
Celtic v Queen's Park.
At Ibrox Park, Glasgow.
Matches are to be played on
March 24th.—*Reuter.*

Can Form Be Followed?

Are the Rangers likely to dis-
pose of the bogey of the Scottish
Cup this season? It seems certain
they will appear in the final, as
the opposition on Saturday week
cannot be regarded as of the
strongest.

Although they have won the
Scottish League repeatedly, the
Rangers have not won the Scottish
Cup for 25 years, though they
reached the final against the Cel-
tic in 1908-09 and the cup was
withheld.

The Celtic, who appear to have
a comfortable match in opposing
the amateurs, Queen's Park, have
won the Cup nine times since the
Rangers' last success.

Form would indicate that the
Rangers and the Celtic will ap-
pear in the final, and judging by
League performances, the Rangers
should break the long sequence
of unexplainable failures.

HOME FOOTBALL.

HUDDERSFIELD STILL GOING
STRONG.

London Mar. 14.
Huddersfield further strength-
ened their position at the head of
the 1st Division of the English
League to-day by defeating Black-
burn and were further helped by
the fact that their nearest rivals,
Everton, went down to Manchester
United. Several other League fix-
tures were played, the complete
results being:

1st Division.		
Sunderland	5 Arsenal	1
Manchester Un.	1 Everton	0
Huddersfield	3 Blackburn	1
2nd Division.		
Chelsea	4 Grimsby	0
3rd Division (South).		
Palace	3 Torquay	2
Southend	1 Swindon	1
3rd Division (North).		
Bradford City	3 Rotherham	1
Rugby Cup Final.		

Playing in the final of the Rug-
ger Hospitals Cup, at Richmond,
St. Barts. defeated London by 8
points to 5.—*Reuter.*

League Table.

The 1st Division League table,
corrected to date, is now as fol-
lows:

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.A.	Pts.
Huddersfield	31	18	5	8	75	60 41
Everton	32	14	10	8	76	53 38
Cardiff	32	14	8	10	56	51 38
Leicester	31	14	7	10	71	53 35
Bolton	32	14	7	11	64	50 35
Blackburn	32	13	9	10	48	54 35
Newcastle	31	12	9	10	65	61 35
Burnley	33	14	4	15	61	73 32
Liverpool	32	11	9	12	72	65 31
Sunderland	31	12	7	11	62	53 31
Tottenham	31	12	5	13	62	53 31
Middlesbrough	32	10	12	10	63	67 30
Bury	32	14	2	16	55	63 30
Arsenal	30	11	8	12	65	63 30
Birmingham	32	9	12	11	54	62 30
Derby	31	11	7	13	69	63 29
Aston Villa	30	12	5	13	61	61 29
West Ham	31	11	7	13	60	63 29
Manchester U.	31	11	7	13	49	55 29
Portsmouth	31	10	7	14	50	73 27
Sheffield U.	30	9	7	14	52	65 25
Wednesday	30	6	10	15	54	63 22

Miss Annie M. Keynes, aged 23,
said to be a nurse, was found dead
in the bath-room of a house in
Alma-road, Bournemouth. Beside
her lay a young man, whose name
is given as William Charles Clarke,
a builder, of Shelbourne-road,
Bournemouth, in an unconscious
state. Miss Keynes went to the
bath-room with the apparent in-
tention of having a bath. Because she
was so long, her aunt, with whom
she had lived in the top flat of the
house for about a month, became
anxious. The aunt tried the door,
and finding it locked, sent for the
police, who burst it open.

LAWN BOWLS.

HONGKONG V. SINGAPORE
PASSENGERS.

Among passengers proceeding
Home on the P. and O. s.s. Mac-
donia are a number of enthusiastic
lawn bowls players from Hong-
kong. The night before Singapore
was reached, the suggestion was
made that, if possible, a friendly
game should be arranged with
Singapore bowlers.

Accordingly on Wednesday,
March 7th the Hongkong bowlers
got into touch with Mr. Stuart
Clark, the Secretary of the Singa-
pore Cricket Club, with the view
to arranging a game. The Secre-
tary of the Singapore Cricket
Club immediately fell in with the
suggestion, and, entirely through
his efforts, a game was arranged.
A Singapore team was hurriedly
raised, and the bowling green was
at once placed at the disposal of
the Hongkong visitors.

The game was played on the
rink. The contest was most keen,
and, although Hongkong won, it
was not until the last head was
reached that they obtained the
honours of the encounter by the
narrow margin of one "shot."

The final score read:—Hongkong
11; Singapore 10.

This indicates the standard of
play. Singapore had the advantage
of knowing their green. On the
other hand, the Hongkong team
included two former Interport
players.

Hongkong, it may be added,
thoroughly enjoyed the game, and
the players desire to express
thanks to the Secretary and mem-
bers of the Singapore Cricket Club
for their courtesy and hospitality
extended at such short notice.

At the beginning of the game,
it appeared that Hongkong would
secure "a run-away" victory.
They opened in fine style, and
at the 10th head led by 9 points to
1. Then the hosts began to creep
up, and levelled the score until
it stood at 9-9. From then, on
there was never more than one
shot scored on any "head." It was
not, as mentioned, until the 21st
head was reached, that Hongkong
gained the victory.

The respective teams and scores
were:

Hongkong:—W. Bell (Talkoo), B.
Bell (Talkoo), B. E. Manghan
(C.S.C.C.), G. Morrison (Talkoo
Club) 11.

A rather good suggestion, pass-
ed on for the benefit of Hongkong
bowlers, is that any Hong-
kong bowlers proceeding Home,
and passing through Singapore,
should communicate with the Secre-
tary of the Singapore Cricket
Club before leaving Hongkong,
thus allowing more time in which
friendly bowls matches could be
arranged. The Singapore bowlers
are always ready for a game, but
as long notice as possible is de-
sirable.

A. C. W.

SINGAPORE BOXING.

H.M.S. CUMBERLAND LOSE
ALL FIGHTS.

At Singapore, last week, a num-
ber of boxing contests were held
between the Duke of Wellington's
Regt. and members of the crew of
H.M.S. Cumberland. The evening
proved successful for the Regi-
ment, every contest going to the
Army men.

The results were: Bantam-
weight, Pte. Lockwood beat Sen-
man Forster; featherweight, Pte.
Harris beat Leading Stoker Ball;
lightweight, Pte. Burke beat A. B.
Jolly and Lance-Cpl. Hobbs beat
A. B. Castle; welterweight, Pte.
McKenna beat Stoker Yarnell; Pte.
Tomkins beat A. B. Moore and Pte.
Birch beat A. B. Sullivan; middle-
weight, Pte. Coyle beat A. B. Cham-
berlain; heavyweight, Pte. Whis-
ton beat Signaller Fuller.

The event was attended by H.E.
the Governor, Sir Hugh Clifford,
who, at the conclusion, presented
the prizes.

LOCAL FOOTBALL.

WINS FOR K.O.S.B. AND R.A.

Two first division football League
matches were played yesterday, the
K.O.S.B. defeating the Queen's Re-
giment by 3 to 1, and the R. A.
defeating the Scots Guards, 2 to 1.

OUR FOOTBALL
COMPETITION.

PRIZE OF \$50 WEEKLY.

The "Hongkong Telegraph"
offers a prize of \$50 to the readers
who send in twelve correct fore-
casts of the results of the English
and Scottish League matches
(to be played on Saturday next,
March 17th) set out in the Cou-
pon below. No goal scores are
required; only forecasts showing
wins or draws.

In the event of no reader fore-
casting all twelve matches, a prize
of \$25 will be given to the reader
who sends in the greatest number
of correct forecasts; and in the
event of two or more readers send-
ing in an equal high number, the
prize of \$25 will be divided.

The competition is in accordance
with the rules published in the
Telegraph during the weeks August
23—September 24.

"HONGKONG TELEGRAPH"
FORECAST COMPETITION.

Matches to be played on
March 17th.

DIVISION I.

Bury v Wednesday.
Derby v Huddersfield.
Leicester v Everton.
West Ham v Tottenham.

DIVISION II.

Barnsley v West Brom. A.
Swansea v Chelsea.

DIVISION III.

Coventry v Brighton.
Watford v Millwall.
Walsall v Northants.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

Bo'ness v Aberdeen.
Hibernians v Rangers.
Dunfermline v Clyde.

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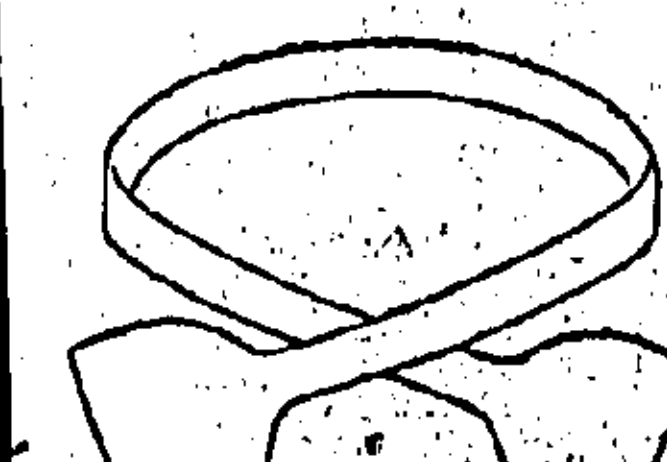
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MEN'S WEAR STYLISTS

DAY BY DAY.

Among passengers arriving by
s.s. Mantua this morning was Mr.
Hoo, of the Harbour Department.
He will resume duty at the Harbour
Office during the next few days,
vice Mr. Andrews.

A report was made to the police
yesterday by Mr. J. Sheppard, of
No. 1, Hutton Road, to the effect
that a coolie employed by him
absconded yesterday, taking with
him a leather suitcase containing
a raincoat, an overcoat and a pair
of field glasses. The total value of
the loss is placed at \$170.

A Chinese, named Tang Pan-
hung, collapsed in the street at
Yaumati yesterday afternoon,
after having just landed from the
Yaumati Ferry. He was taken to
the Kwong Wah Hospital, but died
shortly after admission. It is
understood that the deceased came
over from Macao to visit his re-
latives.

Holding that the Rev. W. T.
Featherstone did not come within
the definition of a public officer, as
laid down in the Ordinance, Mr. W.
Schofield, at the Kowloon Magis-
trate's this morning, discharged the
three Chinese who were arrested
while trespassing on land under the
control of the Diocesan Boys'
School. His Worship intimated
that there was no case against the
defendants, but that the complain-
ant could take civil action.

This morning's Harbour Office
reports gave a high return in ar-
rivals and departures, with British
holding top place, but cargoes were
generally low. There was only one
four figure return inwards, while
only nine of the arrivals registered
through freights. The highest in-
ward was British, while German
and Chinese registered the highest
throughs. At 9 a.m. there were 72
vessels in harbour, of which 26
were British.

Herbert J. C. Knight, a corn and
seed merchant, of London-road,
Bromley, Kent, made another ap-
pearance before the Bromley
Magistrate recently on summonses
for attempting to obtain from
John Harvey, of Nonington, near
Dover, £299 18s., and from Henry
Filmer, Ltd., Sittingbourne, £388
15s., by falsely pretending that a
quantity of seed was genuine old
pasture, Kent wild white clover.
It was submitted by Mr. W. Stuart
Bates for the Ministry of Agricul-
ture, who prosecuted, that the
seed was of New Zealand origin
and not Kentish grown. He
alleged that Knight was planning
to carry out a complete fraud on
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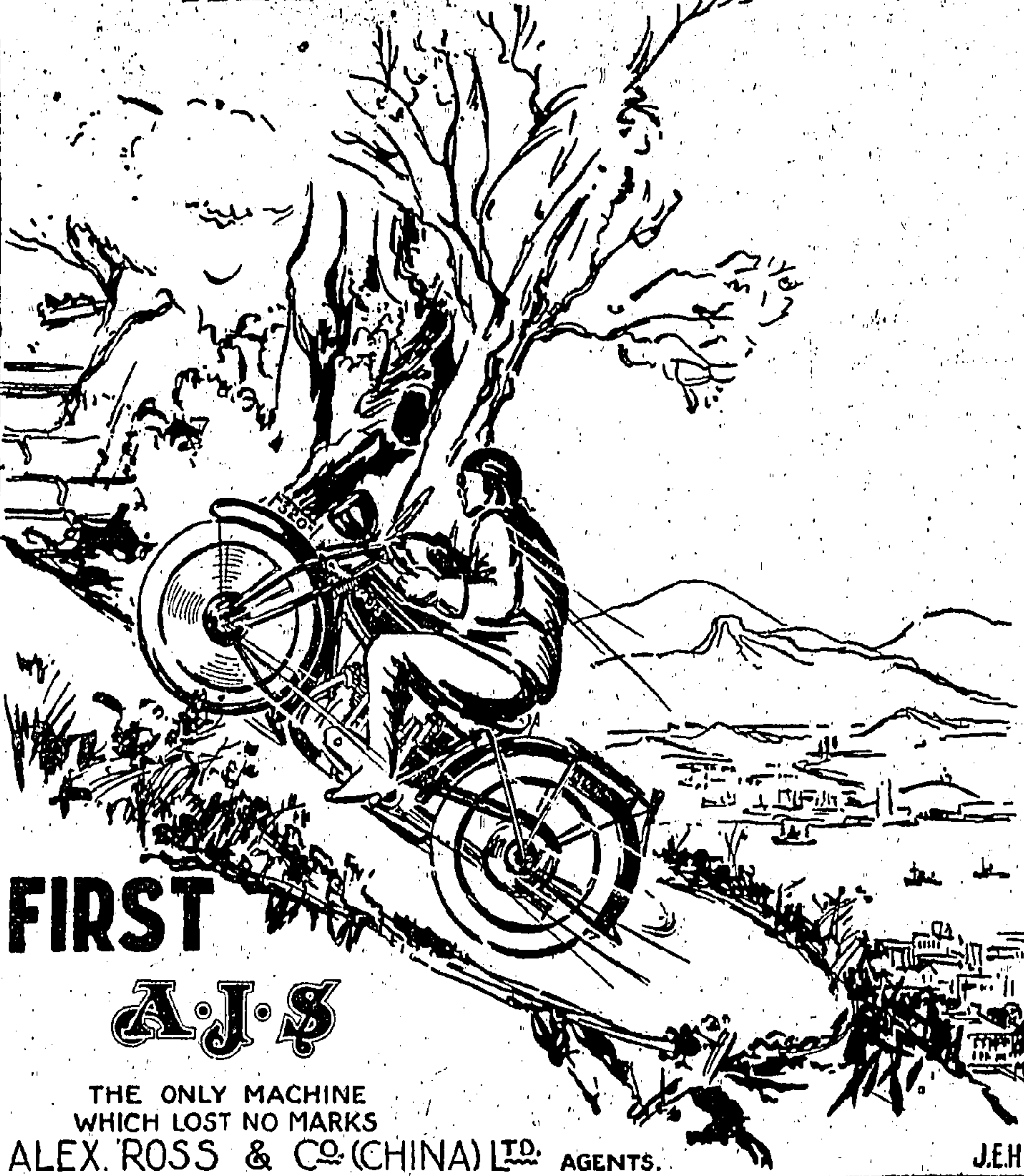
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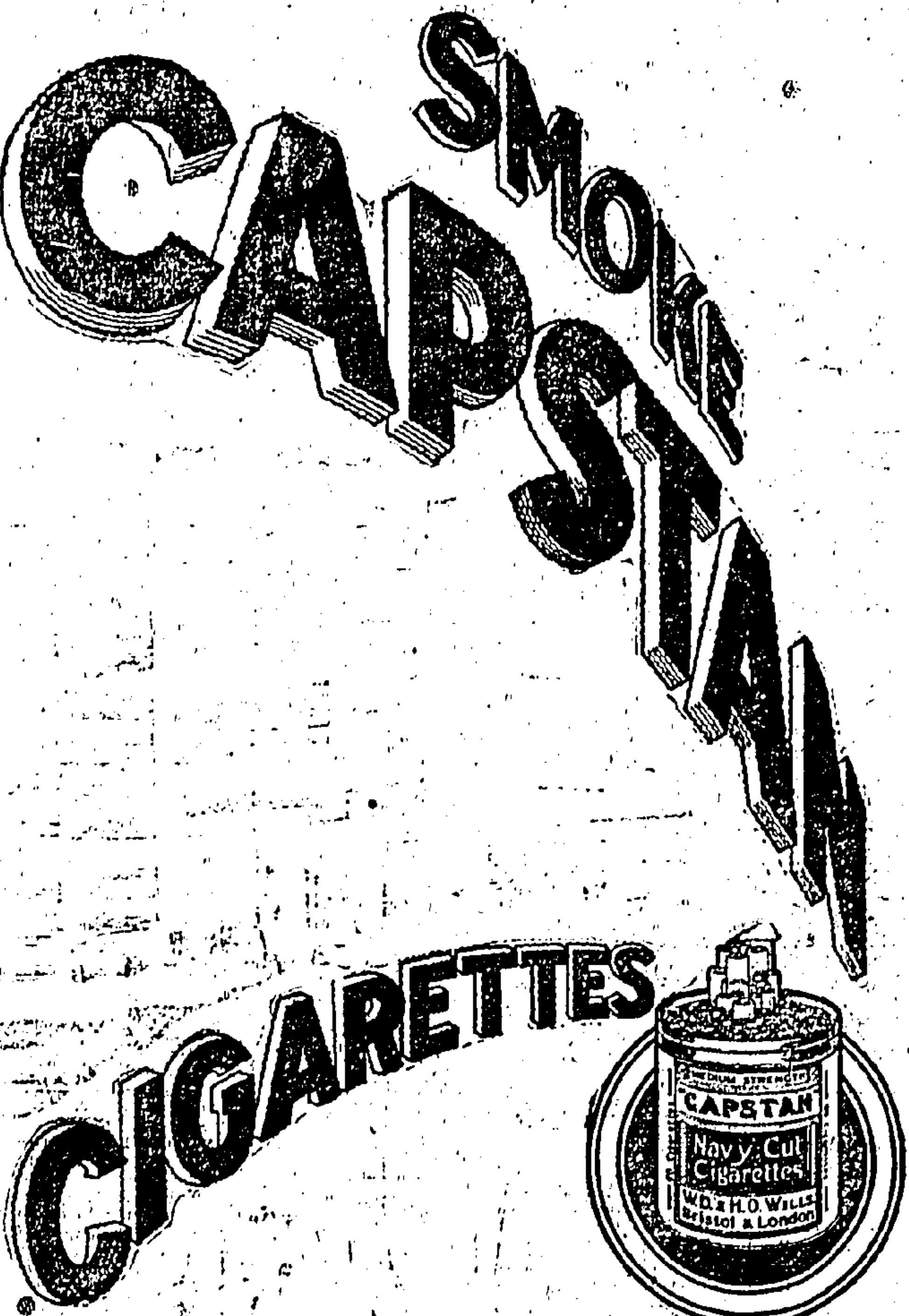


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over the brink. The cart was seen from the harness, and strenuous efforts were made to pull the horse out, but were unsuccessful, and it died.

Known as George Borrow's chair, a huge block of wood, the back of which is formed by a bough, has been presented to the town by Mr. W. R. Hall, of Aberystwyth.

MITCHELL HEDGES LOSES.

NEWSPAPER LIBEL VERDICT.

LORD HEWART CRITICAL.

A verdict for the Express Newspapers was given in the libel suit brought against them by Mr. F. A. Mitchell Hedges, the explorer. The jury did not leave the box.

Mr. Hedges complained of an article in the *Daily Express* of January 21, 1927, which alleged that Mr. Hedges and his companion, Mr. Colin Edgell (who stated that they were held up and attacked by men on the Ripley road as they were motoring to Bourne-mouth), were privy to a conspiracy, and that it was all a hoax, and was intended as an advertising enterprise for "Monemarks."

Mr. Jowitt, K.C., in his speech for the defence, said: "What was a hoax for advertising 'Monemarks' on the Ripley road has been dragged on, and the drama has been played out to this last stage, and the hoax—if it be a hoax—has now become a hoax to take in the Lord Chief Justice of England and a special jury."

"Mr. Mitchell Hedges and I—Mr. Edgell—deeply regret to say—Mr. Edgell have gone into the box and have told their stories. In my submission it is quite obvious that they are saying what is not true."

In his final speech for Mr. Mitchell Hedges Sir Patrick Hastings, K.C., said that Mr. Jowitt in his long cross-examination of Mr. Hedges, relating to things in his past and not to the circumstances of the present case, had merely carried out the instructions of the *Daily Express* with their calculated insolence.

"If Mr. Hedges and Mr. Edgell are fraudulent scoundrels, who have come here to commit perjury in order to extract money out of a newspaper, they have put themselves in a peril beyond exaggeration. And for what? Why should they have done it? I ask you to say that these two men shall leave this Court free from the intolerable stigma placed on them that they are both liars, combining together to rob this newspaper for their own personal advantage."

Truth and Perorations.

"You have listened to a remarkable speech," said the Lord Chief Justice to the jury, "when Sir Patrick sat down, and one full of

those qualities which make an advocate famous and successful, but you know, one of your responsibilities, and it is also one of my responsibilities, is to get rid, sternly and firmly, of the effects of rhetorical appeals and to look at the truth—and you know the truth is simple and does not require perorations."

Sir Patrick, he said, had suggested that Mr. Jowitt, by an agility of mind which he admired, had entirely reconstructed his cross-examination of Mr. Mitchell Hedges after he had heard Sir Patrick open the case on behalf of "a well-known explorer." Now that sounded all very well until one came to look at the statement of claim, delivered on February 24, 1927, the opening words of which were "The plaintiff is a well-known explorer."

Having entered a plea of justification the defendants must satisfy the jury that the words which constituted the alleged libel were true, and if they failed to do that the only question that remained was that of damages. What was meant by saying that the words were true? As much must be justified as amounted to the sting of the charge, and if anything were contained in the charge which did not add to the sting, it need not be justified.

Naturally and properly enough, the case had been fought upon the simple and sole question, "Is it true to say that the plaintiff was a party to this hoax?"

The gist of the matter, the sting of it, was that the defendant said the plaintiff was a party to it, and not a victim of it. The jury would have observed two very remarkable sets of facts, and that on two occasions a motor-car trip along the Portsmouth road was started from the National Liberal Club. It was, no doubt, a little unfortunate that that Club happened to be a political club, but Lord Hewart said he was sure that the jury would not allow their judgment to be influenced by the fact that it was a political club or that it was a club connected with a certain political party.

"What a Set!"

When they looked at certain portions of the evidence and observed the persons who were mixed up together, and the errand on which they were engaged, they might be tempted to reflect "what a set." But no feeling of that kind ought to prevent them ascertaining the truth of the matter.

"The point about the National Liberal Club is this, and this only," continued Lord Hewart, "that because it was the starting point of the journey Mr. Hedges had to be there. Could anything be more false and more misleading than that he should be exhibited to you as a person who, for some reason or other, had been selected to be a standard bearer in some political party? The point about the National Liberal Club is this, and no more—that it was on each of these occasions the starting point from which those who were to carry out this hoax began their journey."

"A person who said he was not in the hoax could, of course, prove that, if he had chosen to do so, by putting the other five into the witness-box. Each one could then say, 'I had no arrangement which included him. He was no party to it.' When you know that Mr. Bagot Gray and some others were in this court from the beginning, and when you hear of the uninterrupted cordiality of the relations with Bagot Gray, is it or is it not a remarkable circumstance that Mr. Bagot Gray has not been put into the witness-box?"

"You may think it a very remarkable circumstance that not one of these persons has been called to say that the plaintiff was not a party to the hoax. The advantage of hearing evidence from witnesses in the box is that when a person is speaking and giving his answer, he conveys a certain impression to your minds. In this case it would not have been very surprising if, at the close of the plaintiff's case, you had said, 'We are satisfied by the evidence given by the plaintiff himself, and on his behalf, that he was in this matter.'"

"But, of course, the case cannot rest there. There has been affirmative evidence called on the part of the defendants, and it is quite clear that if you accept the evidence of Mr. Shaw there is abundant proof that the plaintiff was in this practical joke."

"Mr. Jowitt (counsel for defence) has been subjected to some severe remarks because he referred to these letters after Mr. Mitchell Hedges's name."

"You may think it is a deplorable thing that societies calling themselves learned should be in existence who, on the payment of a modest sum, are prepared to consider upon anybody what is called the scientific title of 'Fellow.' If you can become a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society for two guineas, or perhaps three guineas, and a Fellow of the Zoological Society for three guineas, the thing becomes grotesque."

"When a man is put forward as a 'well-known' explorer, lecturer, public speaker and journalist, counsel is not only entitled to exhibit, if he can, his true position, character and record, but it is his duty to do so. You recollect the cross-examination, and you may think Mr. Jowitt did not put it one bit too high when he described the plaintiff as an impostor."

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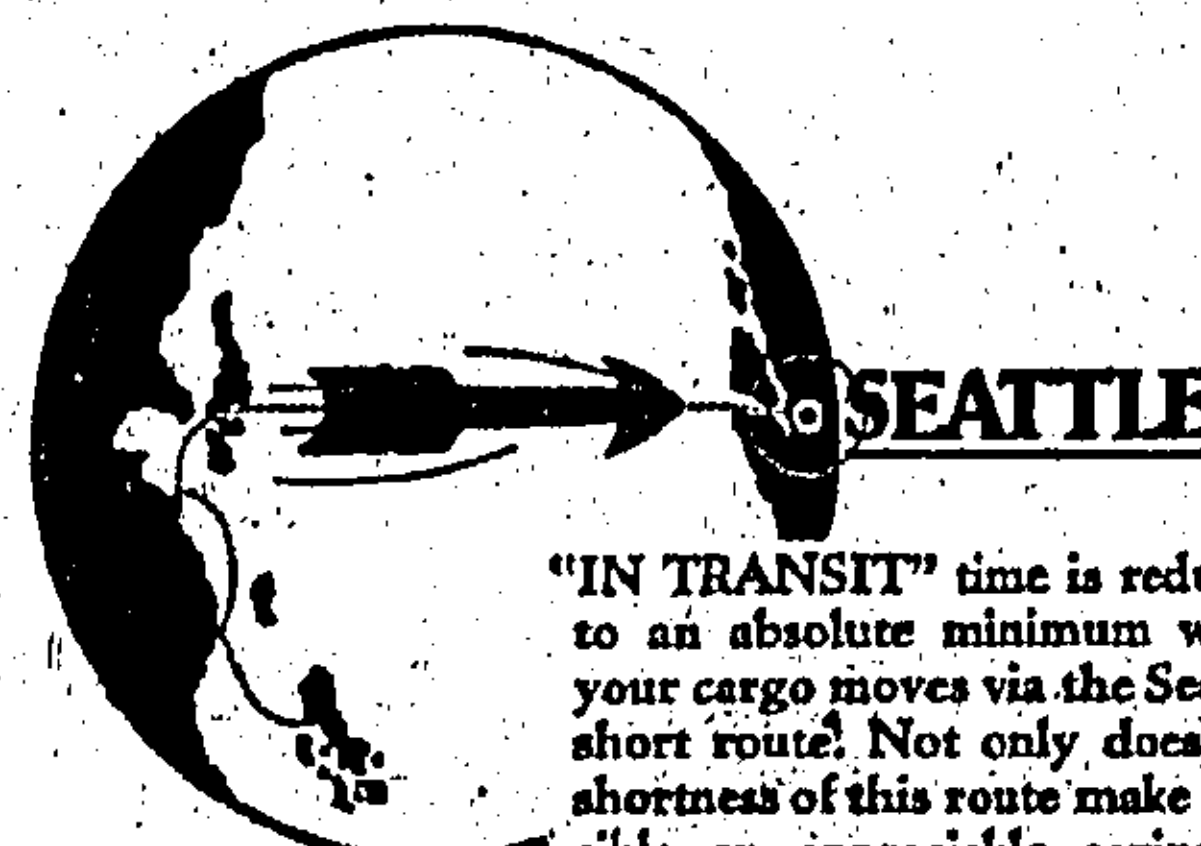
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CHAPTER XIV.

The drawing-room on the first floor was one of the most expensively furnished in London and looked like it. A tall screen stood before the fire, and Lady Parkinson was leaning back in an easy chair with an open novel on her knees. Her usual allowance was one a day. Her lips were slightly parted, she rhythmically snored, till as her husband stopped before her, she opened her eyes, sat up with a jerk and grabbed at the book.

Although fifty-seven years of age, she looked extraordinarily young, and her complexion was still clear, unwrinkled and scarcely powdered. Her fair hair, less pronouncedly red than Everard's had kept its colour, and she had kindly hazel eyes. Her rather podgy hands were covered with rings and she wore a valuable ruby brooch, believing that it had a tendency to make her appear less old.

"Agnes, the most extraordinary thing!" cried Sir Joseph. "There's a man downstairs who says he's brought back those jewels you lost at Waterloo—"

Lady Parkinson looked as if she thought she must still be dreaming.

"Never!" she answered. "Never, after all this time! Joe, there's some trick."

"Well, we shall see. He calls himself Dr. Markwell, and he looks all right."

"Ah, but you never can tell!"

"Still, he's got a box and I left him opening it. It's true I haven't seen what's inside it yet. But it'd be too infernally barefaced. I thought you'd like to be on the spot."

As a matter of fact, she welcomed the excitement, and at once accompanied Sir Joseph down the thickly carpeted stairs, finding Lupton waiting to reopen the smoking-room door. By this time Foster had unlocked the box and raised the lid, and directly Lady Parkinson crossed the threshold, she uttered a loud exclamation of astonishment, running to the writing table and fingering the gems.

"Well, I certainly never expected to see them again," she cried. "After all this time. Wherever have they come from?" she demanded, with the ruby necklace in one hand and the diamond tiara in the other, as she gazed into Foster's face.

"Perhaps," Sir Joseph snapped out, "you'll have the kindness to explain!"

As the three stood in a group, Foster, by far the coolest, began his explanation. Nor did he find it easy. It seemed obvious that these people were entitled to hear how their stolen property had come into his possession, but he knew too little about Hillyard to make the story plausible without creating a wrong impression of his apparently circumspect little aunt. He was anxious, also, not to drag in Theresa's name, and consequently kept Everard Parkinson's out of it.

He, however, insisted on Redpath's share in the restoration, urging his claim to the reward, though with an uncomfortable feeling that he was suspected of going halves.

"The man is neither more nor less than a thief, and the companion of thieves," exclaimed Sir Joseph. "Birds of a feather!" he added, with an unpleasant expression, as he glared at Foster.

"Anyhow, but for Redpath, was the reply, 'you would never have seen your property again.'"

"It's not my property."

"Lady Parkinson's," said Foster. "Nor her ladyship's."

"Then whose is it?" asked Foster, entirely at a loss.

"It belongs to the Lion Assurance Company, Dr. Markwell. The jewels were insured for their full value. The money was paid in due course. It was the assurance company that offered the reward. Application must be made to them. In my opinion they won't part with a penny. This man, Redpath, certainly doesn't deserve one. He should have given his information two years ago."

As he spoke, Sir Joseph drew the box towards him, and Lady Parkinson regretfully replaced the gems she had been handling.

"I will communicate with the company at once," Sir Joseph continued, turning the key in the lock, "and take charge of the jewels till they send for them."

"Well, my responsibility is ended anyhow," said Foster, and without a word of thanks, he left the room, with a vastly different opinion of Everard Parkinson from that he had brought with him.

CHAPTER XV.

Monica Still Interferes.

Foster forgot Sir Joseph's disagreeable innuendoes as he walked towards the Marble Arch, considering the fresh light which appeared to have been thrown on Everard's motive.

Two years ago, at the time of the robbery, he had lived at home with his people at Park Lane, and he could not have been ignorant of the fact that his mother's jewels were fully insured.

Theresa's explanation had been, consequently, inaccurate in an important particular. Everard could not have been anxious to curry favour with his father by the restoration of the gems. Sir Joseph, having received their value, would not care whether he saw them again or not. Yet Everard must have had an object. What could it have been? About that, Foster had not the slightest doubt. Everard Parkinson had intended to defraud the insurance company, to dispose of their property to the best advantage, to pocket the money, to return to America and spend it on Nina Francey.

This seemed perfectly clear, but Theresa had had no suspicion. She had been completely deceived. Everard had lied to her, and she unfortunately had believed him. He was worse than the mere waster she had described. He was neither more nor less than a rogue.

Already, before his recent visit to Park Lane, Foster had been convinced that it was Everard who saw Miss Croom on the Monday before she was murdered and used the name of Hillyard as an introduction. Had Everard desired only to restore Lady Parkinson's property, the visit to Baynton Crescent would seem of little importance, but as he had been obviously after the jewellery for his own ends, the case became infinitely more serious. Nothing, it was true, of any consequence had happened during that first visit, but the question arose, had it been followed by a second as Monica Ralston insinuated, and had that taken place on the fatal Thursday? The first thing, however, was to ascertain beyond a doubt, whether Everard's description tallied with that of the man whom, presumably, Martha Keene had admitted on the Monday.

A few days after the funeral, Martha had asked Foster to give her a reference, and he had made a note of the address in his pocket diary. Consulting this now, he saw that she was living at Downshire Hill, Hampstead, and taking a motor bus in Oxford Street, he got off at Swiss Cottage, walking the rest of the way along Belsize Park. He was surprised at the rural character of the road, and stopped at the gate of a sort of cottage with a bow window and a lattice work porch.

Martha opened the door, looking as gaunt, and as Foster thought, as forbidding as ever.

"Lor, Dr. Markwell," she cried, "you've never come to say you've found the murderer?"

He explained that he had not got so far yet, but wanted her to answer one or two questions, her answers soon convincing him that it had, indeed, been Everard Parkinson whom she admitted on Monday the Seventh. But Martha insisted that she had only seen him on that one occasion, also that he was "quite the gentleman."

Although Foster would have wished to go direct from Downshire Hill to the Capital Hotel, having seen Theresa once already that day, he scarcely liked to venture again. On the whole, he had better wait till to-morrow; meanwhile the new situation had to be considered. Hitherto he had shrunk from going to Inspector Pow, fearing to cause Theresa, at least, unpleasantness, but now that he was convinced of Everard's real motive, it seemed questionable whether, even for her sake, he was justified in keeping his knowledge to himself.

He told Monica Ralston all he knew that afternoon, when, scarcely surprised, she received a visit from that lady on her way home from business. He knew she was intensely interested in the circumstances surrounding Miss Croom's murder, besides he was anxious himself finally to disabuse her mind concerning Theresa. She sat listening eagerly with her bell-shaped hat on one side, and the button still missing from her dark blue coat, while he dwelt on the innocent part Miss Feversham had played, whereupon Monica, in her shrewd

SINGAPORE LAWYER RETIRES.

AFTER 23 YEARS OUT EAST.

The Singapore Bar lost another of its senior members when Mr. G. S. Carver left on retirement by the Macedonia last week, after 23 years in the Colony.

Mr. Carver qualified as a solicitor in 1903 with a firm of maritime lawyers at Liverpool, and he has frequently appeared in cases connected with that branch of the law during his legal career in Singapore. He was away from Singapore for three years during the war, when he served with the 1st Cheshire Regiment in France and Belgium. His ability as an advocate is well-known, and it is recalled that he was one of the counsel engaged in the famous Malayan Collieries litigation heard at Kuala Lumpur several years ago.

Mr. Carver twice served on the Legislative Council, and during the past year he has dealt with a number of public questions, particularly the prevalence of crime and an adequate police force, in speeches made at that body. He has also been a strong supporter of the Straits Settlements Association (Singapore), and has twice been elected President of that body. He has also done useful work for the Children's Aid Society as a member of the Committee.

A keen tennis player and yachtsman, Mr. Carver has held the office of Vice-Commodore of the Royal Singapore Yacht Club, of which he has always been an enthusiastic member. He has been a member of the Volunteers since he arrived in Singapore and he holds the Volunteer Decoration, with the present rank of Lieutenant in the Reserve.

The good wishes of many friends in the Straits will go with Mr. and Mrs. Carver when they leave Singapore and settle down, as they hope to do, to enjoy the delights of the English countryside.

prompt manner, summed the matter up.

"I suppose she's very good looking, anyhow," said Miss Ralston, and Foster allowed that to pass, telling her about his visit to Park Lane with the metal box and what he had learnt there of Everard Parkinson. "A nice man," cried Monica. "If he was a thief, you can't tell what else he may not have been. Suppose he went again on Thursday and threatened her with his revolver just as he did you! She would never have parted with the box. She looked upon it as a sort of sacred trust."

"She hadn't got it," said Foster. "She had handed it over to me."

"Yes, but Mr. Parkinson wouldn't have believed that. He would have wanted to look for himself, and when she tried to reach the phone, how do you know he didn't hit her on the head with the handle?"

"I don't know," Foster admitted. "I wish to Heaven I did."

"Dr. Markwell," exclaimed Monica, with a determined air, "there's one question. I want to ask you."

"What is it?"

"Are you going to see Inspector Pow to-night?"

"Not to-night," answered Foster. "I'm inclined to think I shall be driven to it before I've done. But I must have a word with Miss Feversham first."

"Miss Feversham!" retorted Monica contemptuously. "How you can be so dense! If Mr. Parkinson killed poor Miss Croom, you may feel certain of one thing. Miss Feversham knew the jewels were insured, she knew what he meant to do with them. I don't say she thought he was going to kill Miss Croom beforehand, come to that most likely he didn't mean to kill her. He was carried away and lost his head. But she knew all about it before she tempted you to take the box to her flat, and if the plot had come off, she'd have had her share."

Foster was annoyed. When Monica rose from her chair, he opened the door and followed her downstairs without another word, nor did he offer his hand on the threshold. Miss Ralston walked away in a state of righteous indignation, and that evening after dinner at the Roscoe Women's Club, she went to Miss Statham's bedroom. Over cigarettes, the two discussed the Croom case in all its known details.

"One thing's certain," said Miss Statham, after an enjoyable hour's talk. "That Miss Feversham, or whatever her real name is, has made a perfect fool of Dr. Markwell. Just like a man. But if I were you, I should stand no more nonsense."

"What should you do?" asked Monica.

"I should take the matter out of his hands. I should go to Scotland Yard myself. You might leave an hour early to-morrow afternoon."

(To be continued.)

SHARE PRICES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

The following is the list of local share quotations issued to-day:

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Union Ins., \$332 b.
North China Ins., Tls. 143 n.
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China Underwriters, \$270 b.
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Benguet, \$235 n.
Kailans, 66/- n.
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Shai Exploration, Tls. 2.75 b.
Rauhs, \$41 b.
Tronohs, 17/6 b.

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Kowloon Wharves, \$140 sa.
Whampoa Docks, \$481 sa.
China Providents, \$645 sa.
Hongkows, Tls. 164 b.
New Engineering, Tls. 4.80 sa.
Shanghai Docks, Tls. 101 b.

Cottons.

Ewo Cottons, Tls. 8.70 b.
Orientals, Tls. 2.15 b.
Shai Cottons, Tls. 60 (old) b.

Lands, Hotels, etc.

H. and S. Hotels, \$101 b.
H. K. Lands, \$68 sa.
Shai Lands Tls. \$131 b.
Humphreys, \$141 b.
Realties, \$8.75 sa.
Territorials, \$11 n.

Public Utilities.

Tramways, \$261 sa.
Peak Trams, (old) \$124 b.
Star Ferries, \$65 sa.
China Lights, (Comb.) \$18 b.
H'kong Electric, \$74 sa.
Macao Electric, \$21 b.
Telephones, \$4.65 b.
China Buses, Tls. 61 n.
Singapore Traction, 11/9 b.

Industrials.

China Sugars, \$122 b.
Malabons, \$27 n.
Canton Ice, \$4 b.
Cements (Comb.) \$12.45 s.
Ropes (Old) \$9.40 s.
United Asbestos \$10 s.

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Dairy Farms, \$21 b.
Watsons, \$14.25 b.
Der A. Wing, \$2 s.
Lane Crawfords, \$3.60 b.
Mackintosh, \$22 s.
Sinceres, \$9.60 b.
Wm. Powells, \$5 n.

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POPE'S NAME DRAGGED INTO PARTY POLITICS.

Warsaw, Feb. 9.

The name of the Pope has been suddenly brought into the strife of Polish parties, rendered acute just now by the approach of the elections.

In December of last year the Bishop of Poland issued a pastoral letter urging Roman Catholics to use their votes to ensure a Catholic majority in the Diet, and recommending a bloc of all Catholic parties for the elections. This was impossible since it ignored the real election issue, which is for or against Marshal Pilsudski, and cuts across every other political, social, or religious issue.

The Bishop's letter, however, has been used by the anti-Pilsudski Catholic bloc as a weapon against the supporters of the Government, who include both Catholics and non-Catholics. One clerical organ went so far as to say that to vote for the Government would be a sin.

Prince Janusz Radzwill, leader of the Catholic Conservatives, who are members of the Government Coalition, has replied with a letter in which he states that his party's policy is approved by the Bishop of his own diocese. He also learns, he adds, from two persons recently received in private audience at the Vatican, that he has the approval of the Pope, who condemns the misuse of the Bishop's letter for party purposes.

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ALLEGATIONS CONCERNING TRACK DENIED.

At a London County Council meeting Mr. Herbert Morrison, referring to the overturning of a tramcar at Balham, said it was stated that the accident was due to the absence of a check rail, and he suggested that that, in conjunction with definite cases of defective tram tracks, had given rise to grave disquiet as to the state of the track generally. He further suggested that the accident was due to "starving the track of labour."

Mr. C. W. Matthews, Chairman of the Committee concerned,

denied that men had been discharged from the Permanent Way Department. Instead, he added, everything possible was done to maintain the track in a good state of repair.

The accident was not one which could be foreseen. The rail had shown no defect whatever, but for some reason or other the check rail had been broken off.

Six cars passed over the spot in perfect safety. The car concerned had been compelled to halt. But for this, in all probability, it would have passed in safety.

"That labour saving devices encourage laziness" is the motion to be debated at St. Peter's Church Young Men's Club on Monday. The motion will be proposed by Mr. E. K. Quick, seconded by the Rev. E. W. L. Martin, and opposed by Mr. S. V. Boxer and Mr. A. E. Lea.

LETTER GOLF SOLUTION.

Here is the solution to the puzzle on another page.

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"People are continually breaking into the church, and we have had two carpets stolen and boxes opened times without number," said the vicar of Oatlands, Surrey, who suggested the police should adopt more modern methods.

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TREVESA RACE.

DOUGLAS COMPANY WINS A THIRD TIME.

The ninth semi-annual race for the Trevesa Trophy was held yesterday afternoon, and of five entries, the result was in favour of the Halyang of the Douglas Line, the winning boat being steered by Second Officer Twibill, completing the course in 53 minutes, 45 seconds, without ever being seriously challenged.

The course was from a line running east and west of Channel Rocks to Kowloon Rocks, (port), a mark boat off the Yacht Club (starboard), Yacht Gas Buoy (port), finishing at the Yacht Club between two mark boats, from west to east.

When the preparatory gun was fired at 3.57 p.m., there were only five boats lined up. These were from the Halyang 26 feet 1, Captain E. Walker, Douglas Line; Chipshing, 25 feet 2, Captain D. G. Burleigh, Indo-China Navigation Co., Cheongshing, 24 feet 2, Chief Officer J. D. Palmer, Indang, China Navigation Company; Halyang, 23 feet 2, Second Officer Twibill, Douglas Line; Chinhua, 26 feet, Chief Officer Nasmith, China Navigation Company.

In the judges boat were Mr. A. L. Shields, Mr. Carpenter, Mr. R. J. Ver-

nal, Mr. Dryer, Mr. Tracey, Captain Davidson and Commander J. B. Newell, with other members of the Yacht Club and representatives of the shipping firms competing in the race.

The Race.

There was a strong north easterly wind, blowing when the start was made and there was every prospect of a good race. The two Douglas boats went ahead from the start, with their crews pulling extremely well in comparison with those of the other vessels. The Chinhua soon fell back, while the Cheongshing received a check when it was pointed out that she was using five oars instead of the four allowed. The Chipshing made up on approaching the first mark, but the Douglas boats kept on. The Halyang boat was first round the mark by a good six lengths from the other boats, but the Halyang made a closer turn and gained on a freshening wind, to draw level with the Halyang in the next 200 yards. The Chipshing boat was third round, closely followed by the Cheongshing.

The two Douglas boats took widely separated courses, but the Halyang went close inshore to the Kowloon Dock and got the better advantage of a slant, to make an excellent sailing traverse for the next turn. The positions at the Yacht Club mark boat were the same, with the Halyang increasing the original lead to approximately 20 lengths.

The act of the current speeded the race up to the Yacht Club Buoy, the Chipshing being the third to make the turn, while the Chinhua had bested the Cheongshing on the second leg and was gaining on the Chipshing. The Cheongshing was making a poor show of a long distance astern. At the Yacht Club turn, the Halyang was a long way ahead, with the Chipshing 50 yards behind. The Chinhua failed to sail well on the home run and dropped badly astern.

The turn to the Yacht Club was a hard pull all the way, but the crew of the Halyang entry were equal to the task and they came in with a steady pull that would not have disgraced a trained racing crew. On this last leg, it was seen that the Halyang boat was not sailing well and the Chipshing came along at a boom, but the Douglas boat and taken second place by a little more than a minute. The third, fourth and fifth were respectively boats from the Halyang, Cheongshing and Chinhua, but all boats finished within 62 minutes, a quite creditable performance.

The Result.

The result was as follows:
 Halyang (Douglas) Mr. Twibill, 53 mins. 45 secs.
 Chipshing (Indo-China) Mr. Burleigh, 55 mins. 1 sec.
 Halyang (Douglas) Captain E. Walker, 55 mins. 26 secs.
 Cheongshing (Indo-China) Mr. J. D. Palmer, 59 mins. 42 secs.
 Chinhua (China Navigation) Mr. Nasmith, 61 mins. 44 secs.

On the conclusion of the race, the trophy was presented to the winning crew by Mr. A. L. Shields in the Yacht Clubhouse. In making the presentation to Mr. Twibill, Mr. Shields said it was a great pleasure to once more hand over the trophy to the Douglas Company, but although they had had an excellent day for the trophy, he was sorry that there had been no crew representative of the J.C.N.L. The Chipshing had made a good race and reached second place in a very creditable manner. Referring to the origin of the race, the speaker expressed the hope that as

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Hongkong 12th March 1928.

The Irish Free State authorities have decided, following the recommendation of the coroner's jury, to hold a public inquiry into the death of Timothy Coghlan, the youth who was shot dead by a detective officer in Dublin on January 28.

The years went on, there would be more support. It was the third win by the Douglas Company, while the J.C.N.L. had recorded six victories in the race.

Mr. A. H. White responded for the winning crew and the Douglas Company. He said he was glad to see the trophy back in safe keeping. As a matter of fact, the Halyang was a post entry as the Company had really forgotten she was in harbour, for according to schedule she should have been in Foochow. Having recorded another win, however, he trusted that there would be yet other wins to the credit of the Line in future events.

Cheers were then given for the winning crew, and congratulatory toasts were drunk amid great enthusiasm.

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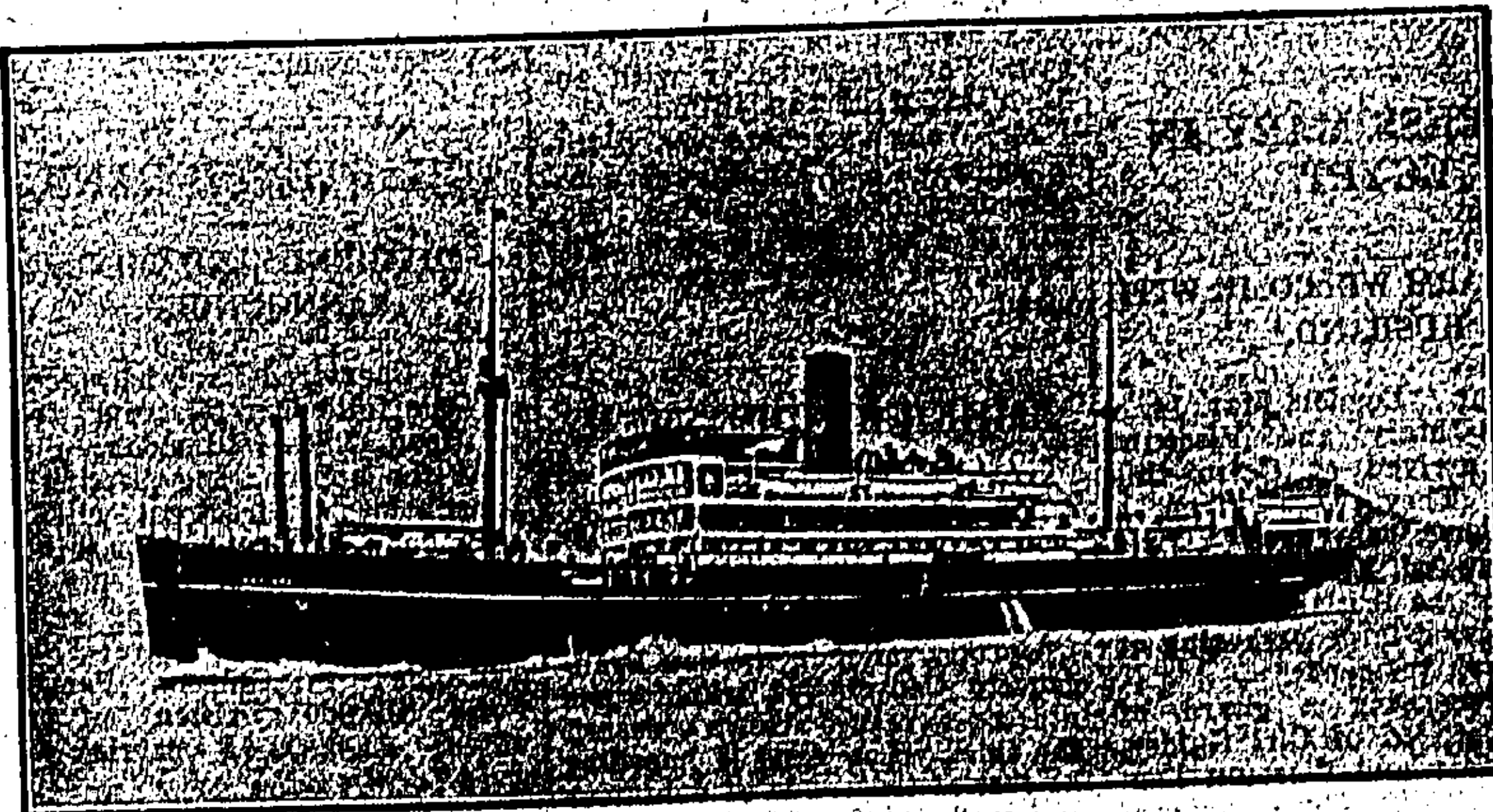
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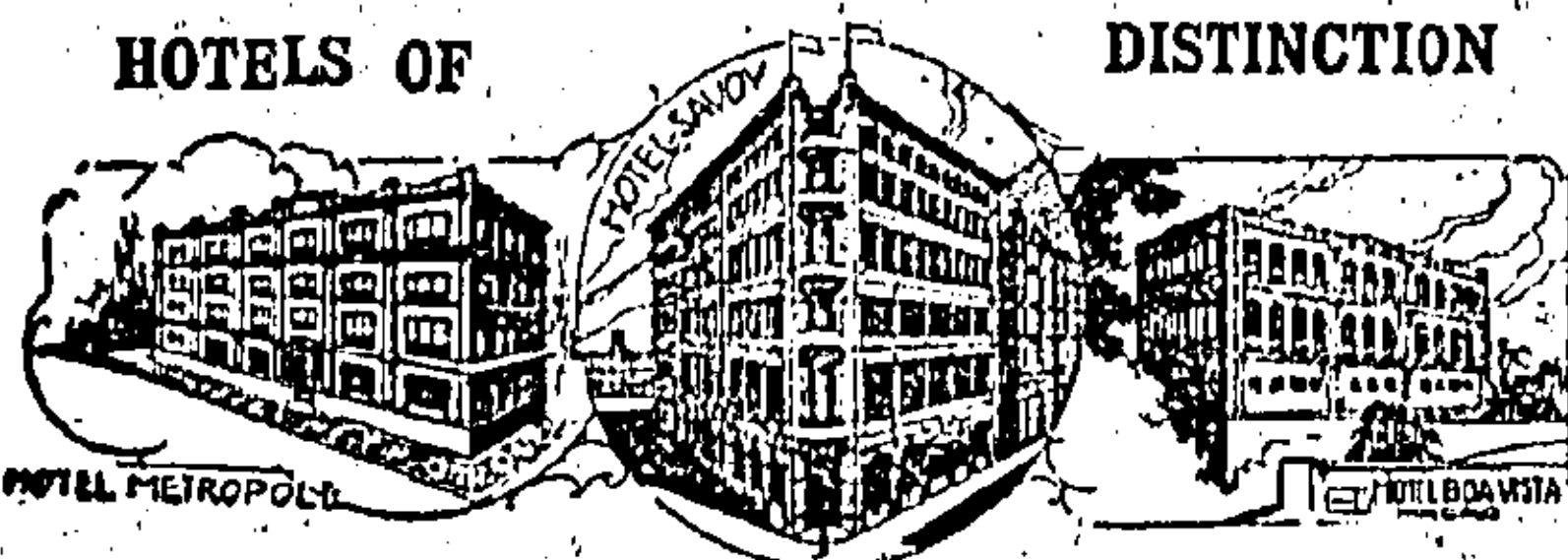
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CANTON'S BETTER
OUTLOOK.

MOST OF THE TROOPS MOVED
FROM CITY.

PEACE AND ORDER.

The fact that most of the armies
of the Southern Government have
now left Canton for other districts
in Kwangtung is regarded as a
further indication of the fact that
the Communist menace has been
removed from the city, consequent
on the strong action recently
taken by Marshal Li Chai-sum's
Government.

Peace and order have been re-
stored in Canton, and the tense
feeling which prevailed until re-
cently has now completely relaxed.

Shortly after the Communist
coup in December, when large
numbers of "Reds" were still at
large in the city, Marshal Li Chai-
sum, in order to prevent any fur-
ther untoward events, concentra-
ted almost all the Armies of the
Southern Government inside the
city. These included the 11th and
13th Divisions of the 4th Army,
under the leadership of Generals
Chan Chai-long and Hsu King-
tong; the 5th Army, under Gen-
eral Tang Yin-wah; the 38th and
39th regiments and the newly-
recruited 2nd and 5th Divisions
of the 14th Army, under General
Chan Ming-shiu; and also the 7th
Army, under General Wang Shao-
hung.

Now, with the exception of the
11th Army, which is still in the
Canton city, it is stated that most
of these troops have either been
despatched to other districts for
station duty or have joined in
the big anti-Communist expedition
on the East River. A good por-
tion of the 7th Army of General
Wang Shao-hung has returned to
Kwangsi.

Conditions on the streets and in
business circles have returned to
normal. In the main thorough-
fares, there is an absence of
troops and armed corps of police
patrols, who were much in evi-
dence at the time the Communist
coup came to an end.

According to an official report
by the Government, since the
"Red" insurrection in December
about fifty Communist rendezvous
have been raided, at which some
700 "Reds" were arrested and put
into prison.

In view of the stability and
security now prevailing in Canton,
the Canton Garrison Headquarters
may be re-organised and renamed
the "Bandit Suppression Bureau."

LEAGUE AND SOCIAL
EVIL.

EXTENSION OF ENQUIRY
TO FAR EAST.

Geneva, Mar. 14.

The Advisory Committee on the
traffic in women and children has
decided, in principle, to extend the
enquiry of the special body of ex-
perts to countries in the East and
Far East.

The matter will be reconsidered
next Session when it is thought
possible that definite recommenda-
tions can be made.

Meanwhile the Committee en-
lists the assistance of Members
and the voluntary societies repre-
sented in the draft of the British
resolution. The Committee earnest-
ly hopes that the Governments of
all countries which retain the sys-
tem of licensed houses will in-
vestigate the question without de-
lay.

The Committee has noted the
fact that 23 out of 42 countries,
whether members or non-members
of the League of Nations have
abolished licensed houses, while
nineteen have retained them under
regulations.

The Committee expresses the
opinion that this system is doomed
to disappear in time.—*Reuter.*

PRINCESS MARY IN
EGYPT.

GIVEN WARM WELCOME WITH
HUSBAND.

London, Mar. 14.

Princess Mary and Viscount
Lascelles arrived at Cairo this
afternoon. They were given a
warm welcome, being met by a re-
presentative of King Fuad and
the Staff of the British Residency,
as well as by a large gathering of
other British residents.

After inspecting a guard of
honour composed of Girl Guides,
Princess Mary and Viscount Las-
celles drove to the Residency, ac-
companied by Lord Lloyd, the
High Commissioner. The streets
were lined with spectators.

Princess Mary and Viscount
Lascelles will leave Cairo on
Friday night for Luxor, whence
they will go to Sudan by steamer.
They will return to Cairo on March
31st.—*British Wireless.*

NANKING POLITICAL
COUNCIL.

MANY NEW COMMISSIONERS
APPOINTED.

Shanghai, Mar. 15.

The Central Political Council
decided at yesterday's meeting to
elect General Tan Yen-kai as act-
ing Chairman of the Council dur-
ing the absence of Marshal Chiang
Kai-shek, who is shortly leaving
for the Northern front.

The Council also decided to ap-
point General Yen Shih-shan
and eight others as Commissioners
of the Taiyuan Branch of the Politi-
cal Council, with General Yen as
Chairman.

General Fung Yu-hsiang has
wired to Nanking stating that he
is willing to accept the appoint-
ment as Chairman of the Kaifeng
Branch of the Political Council.

Marshal Chiang Kai-shek, Gen-
eral Tan Yen-kai, Messrs. C. T.
Wang, Chang Ching-kiang, Wu
Chi-fai, Chai Yuen-pai, Li Shih-
chang and two others are appoint-
ed Commissioners of the Commit-
tee on Foreign Affairs of the Coun-
cil.—*Nam Chung Pao.*

HIGHWAY ROBBER
PUNISHED.

THEFT OF JEWELLERY FROM
WOMAN.

A highway robbery on January
22nd, this year, the last day of the
old Chinese year, had its sequel in
Mr. R. E. Lindsell's Court this
morning when a Chinese was
charged with the theft of a quanti-
ty of jewellery, valued at \$175,
from a woman whom he attacked
near King's College.

The man pleaded guilty to the
charge, but explained to his Wor-
ship that there was also another
man concerned in the affair.

His Worship:—What has hap-
pened to the property?

Defendant:—All melted down.

His Worship:—How much did
you get out of it?

Defendant:—Only \$25.

The police, in answer to his
Worship, stated that the man had
a previous conviction for the same
offence.

Sentence of nine months' hard
labour and twenty strokes was
passed by his Worship.

TWO STOWAWAYS
SENTENCED.

WANTED WORK IN
HONGKONG.

Two Chinese, who were charged
before Mr. W. Schofield, at the
Kowloon Magistracy this morning,
with stowing away from Swatow
on board the s.s. Cremer, were sen-
tenced to three weeks' hard lab-
our each.

It was stated that the second
defendant had been deported by
the police authorities at Sumatra,
but after being landed at Swatow,
he returned to the ship and was
later found concealed among the
cargo. The second defendant had
hidden in one of the ship's bunks.

Both defendants pleaded that
their homes in the country had
been destroyed by bandits and
they wanted to come to Hongkong
to work.

MOTOR CYCLE
MISHAP.

MACHINES COLLIDE IN
KOWLOON.

A motor cycle accident occurred
yesterday evening in Nathan Road,
Kowloon, near Glanville Road,
when motor cycle No. 960, ridden
by Mr. B. Wong, with a Mr. Zim-
mern on the pillion-seat, collided
with motor cycle No. 990, driven
by a Portuguese sailor with an-
other sailor on the pillion.

Mr. Wong's machine was slight-
ly damaged and Mr. Zimmer-
mann received injuries to his leg, but
only of a superficial nature. The
Portuguese sailors were not in-
jured.

AMERICAN DISASTER.

PRETTY VALLEY
DEVASTATED.

Los Angeles, Mar. 14.

A pretty valley in the San Fran-
cisco Canyon is transformed
into a wreckage-strawed desert.
The thick yellow sand is impeding
the feet of thousands of volunteer
workers belonging to every rescue
organisation in California, who
are searching for bodies here and
there.

Dead livestock stick out of the
dead beneath which dozens of
victims must be buried. A few
survivors are dementedly digging
to find relatives.—*Reuter's Ameri-
can Service.*

HUGE FORTUNE IN
FEW DAYS.

IRISH SPECULATOR CORNERS
NEW YORK SHARES.

WALL STREET ENVIES.

New York, Mar. 14.

The whole of Wall Street is en-
viously admiring the American-Irish
speculator, Michael Meehan, who,
almost single-handedly, staged the
sensational rise in Radio Corpora-
tion stock, as cabled yesterday.

Twenty years ago, Meehan was
selling tickets for a Broadway
Theatre agency.

Yesterday's coup is believed to
have yielded him from \$1,000,000
to \$3,000,000. His rivals pay a
tribute to his "daring and success
which have probably never been
equalled."

The Stock Exchange has begun an
investigation of the report that a
technical "corner" existed in Radio
Corporation common stocks in view
of the sharp advance of forty-five
dollars in the last seven trading
sessions.—*Reuter's American Ser-
vice.*

WONDERFUL CITY
WELCOME.

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tries and more thorough inter-
change of ideas between our
peoples may result in increased
prosperity and enhanced happi-
ness to both.

Gold Casket.

Thus interpreted the Address
was handed to the King in a gold
casket.

King Amanullah rose to reply
amid loud cheers.

He thanked the citizens of Lon-
don for their warm welcome and
declared that "the friendly rela-
tions existing between His
Britannic Majesty and myself
should be a great factor in the
future political and commercial
relations between the British and
Afghan nations and assure me of
the promotion of the natural re-
lations between two countries in
conformity with mutual wishes."

London's Magnificence.

The procession was again for-
med and the Royal visitors, were
conducted to the banqueting hall
where the magnificent decorations
and the glitter of the city's famous
gold plate presented a dazzling
scene.

No Speeches.

To-night Sir Austen Chamber-
lain gave a dinner at the Foreign
Office in honour of King Amanul-
lah. The Prince of Wales was
present and the guests included
Mr. Stanley Baldwin, members of
the Cabinet, Mr. Lloyd George and
Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, the High
Commissioners of Overseas
Dominions, and high military
officers. There were no speeches,
but the usual toasts were honour-
ed.—*British Wireless.*

TOMMY MILLIGAN
FOULS.

MIDDLEWEIGHT EUROPEAN
TITLE BOUT.

London, Mar. 14.

All Edinburgh is agog in antici-
pation of to-night's fight for the
middleweight championship of
Great Britain and Europe.

Tommy Milligan, the holder, is
challenged by Alex Ireland, another
Scot, and both are in perfect con-
dition and well within the weight
limit.

Later.

Milligan was disqualified for hit-
ting low when he was ahead on
points.

Ireland was awarded the decision
after having been outboxed for
nine rounds. The disqualification
of Tommy Milligan was applied in
the ninth round.—*Reuter.*

CHARTERED BANK.

DIVIDEND AND BONUS
ANNOUNCED.

The Chartered Bank has receiv-
ed the following telegram from
its Head Office in London:

At the approaching meeting of
Shareholders, Directors will re-
commend dividend for past half
year at the rate of 14% per an-
num free of Income Tax and a
bonus of 6s. 3d. per share; £100,-
000 added to Officers' Pension
Fund; £25,000 written off pre-
mises; £206,893.4.8 carried for-
ward."

To-day's Observatory report
states:—The anticyclone is prob-
ably central over West Man-
churia. Fresh monsoon may be
expected along the South East
Coast of China and over the North
China Sea. The forecast up to
noon tomorrow is:—North-east
winds, fresh; generally cloudy.

Mary
Pickford



in

MY BEST GIRL

A throbbing story of young love set
gaily among the gee-gaws of a five and
ten cent store; enlivened with a thou-
sand hearty laughs and through it
all the vibrant joy of the eternal play-
girl, Mary Pickford.

SEE IT—AT LEAST ONCE!

UNITED ARTISTS PICTURE

AT THE
QUEEN'S TO-DAY to SATURDAY
At 2.30, 5.10, 7.15 & 9.20.

Blazing Forests—Exciting Adventure—Charming
Romance—Delightful Comedy!—

PETER B. KYNE'S
THRILLING
NARRATIVE

THE
UNDERSTANDING
HEART

with
JOAN CRAWFORD
CARMEL MYERS
ROCKCLIFFE FELLOWES
FRANCIS X. BUSHMAN JR.
Directed by
JACK CONWAY

At The
WORLD TO-DAY TO
SATURDAY
Orchestra 5.15 & 9.20. Interpreter 2.30 & 7.15.

The story of a man who captured twenty-two war
prisoners but feared to fight the town bully!—

KENNETH
HARLAN

in

THE
SAP

with

Mary McAllister

AT THE
STAR TO-DAY to SATURDAY
Continuous 2.30 to 11.15.